



# DEVIL'S LINE

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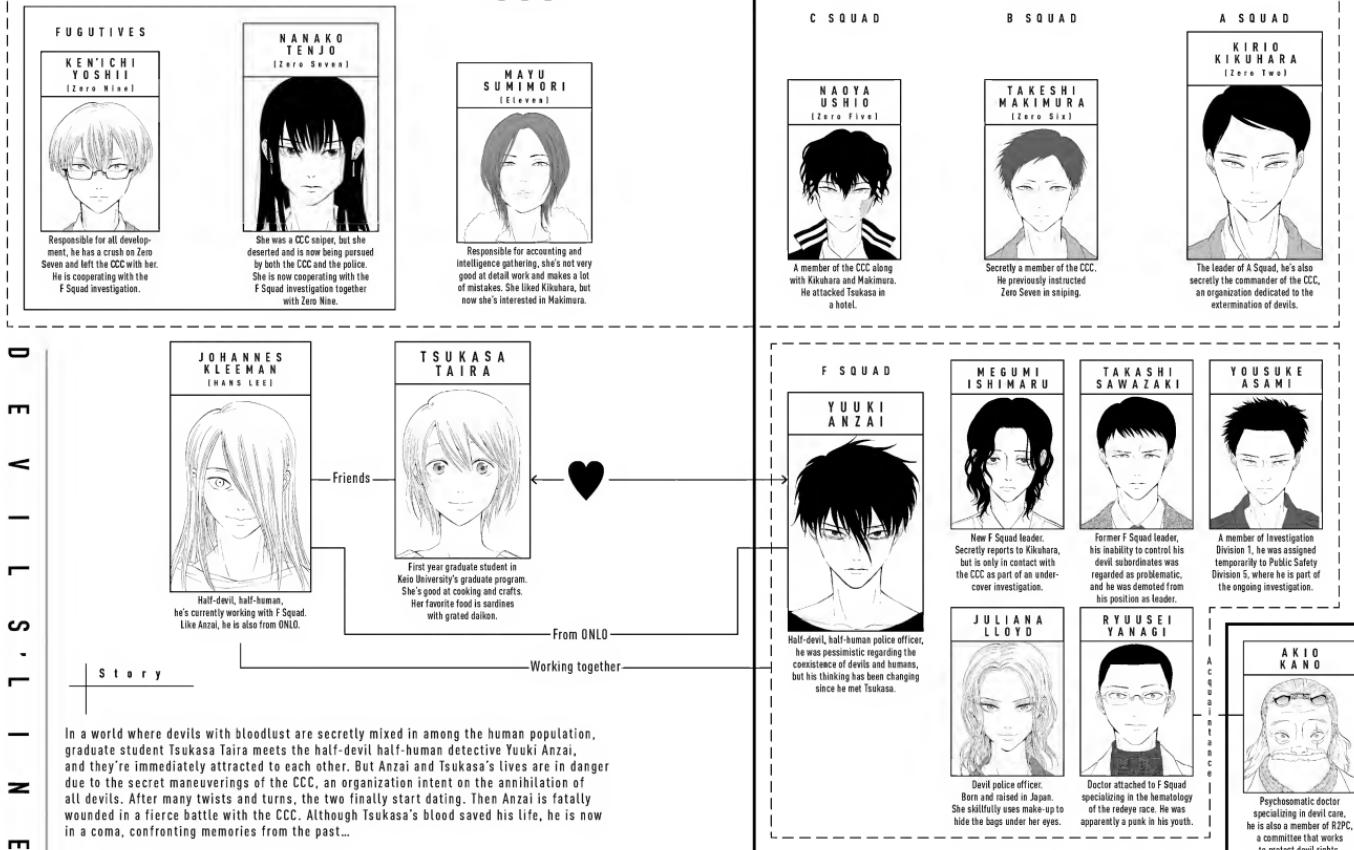
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Line 38	005
Drive ①	

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Kirio  
Kikuhara.

Kirio...  
Try and  
say it.



Kirio...

Kiku-hara...

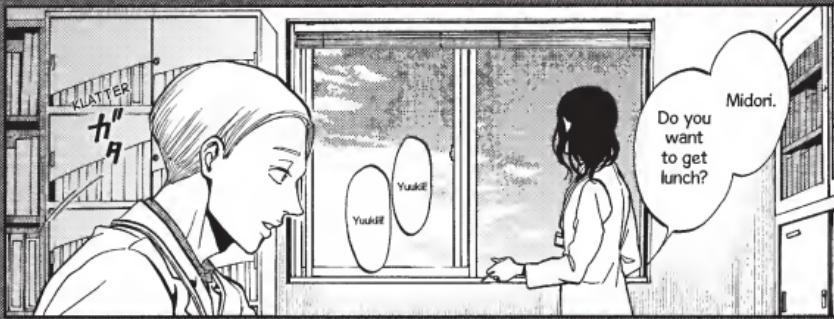
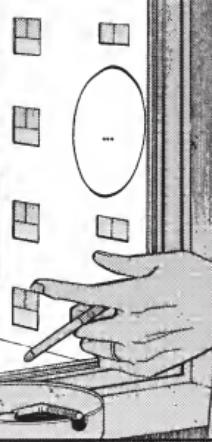


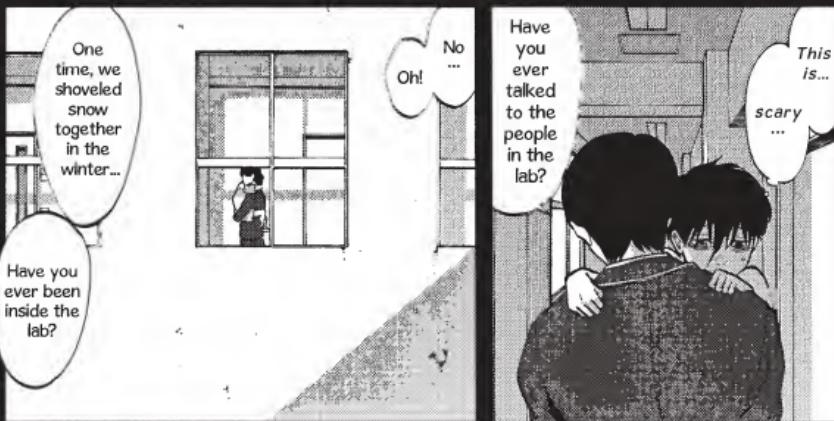






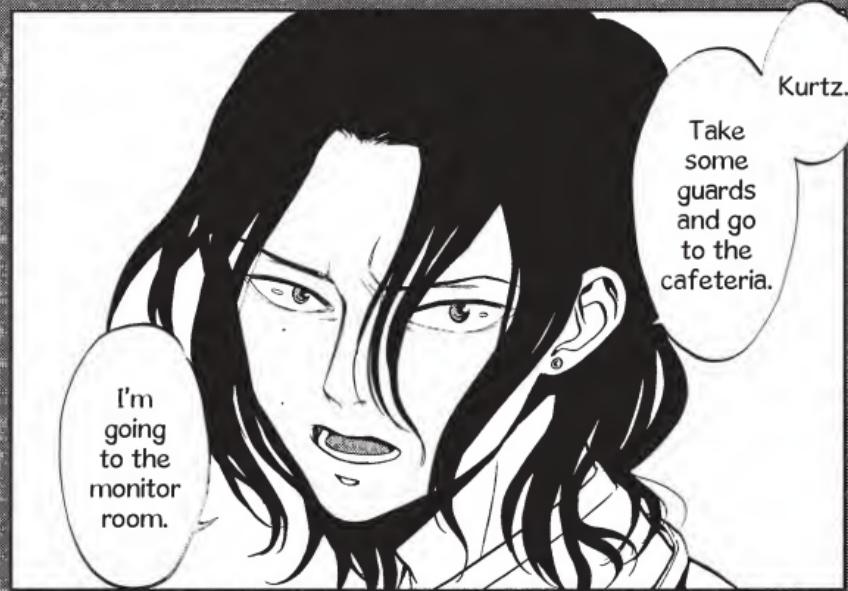
















Huh?  
He's not  
scared...?



I'll  
go by  
myself  
from  
here.



Ha ha...  
You're  
very  
kind.



Will you  
be OK  
on your  
own?

is  
someone  
who  
walks

separately  
from me,  
but in the  
same  
darkness.

For  
me, a  
friend



living  
alone  
like I  
do...

Someone in tough  
circum-  
stances  
like me,

I don't  
actually  
want to  
do those  
sorts of  
things.

Spending  
time  
together,  
having  
pleasant  
chats...

that's the  
sense of  
camaraderie  
that I can  
feel.

But you  
don't get  
that, do  
you...?

TOUSLE  
TOUSLE

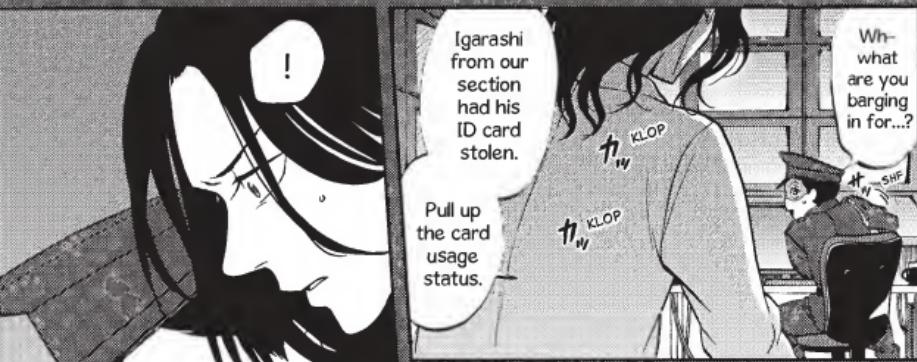


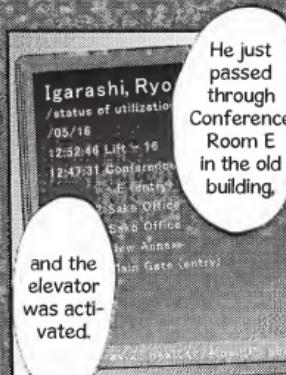




How  
about we  
try?







and the elevator was activated.



Yuuki  
...!!



Going  
down.

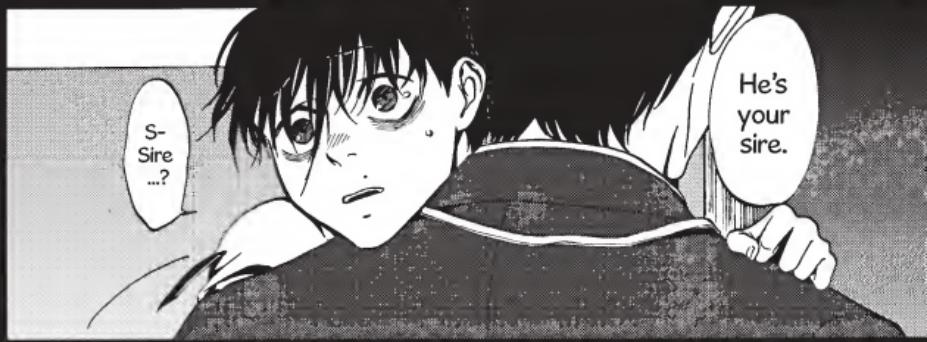
ガコ  
ン  
KATUNK

KATUNK







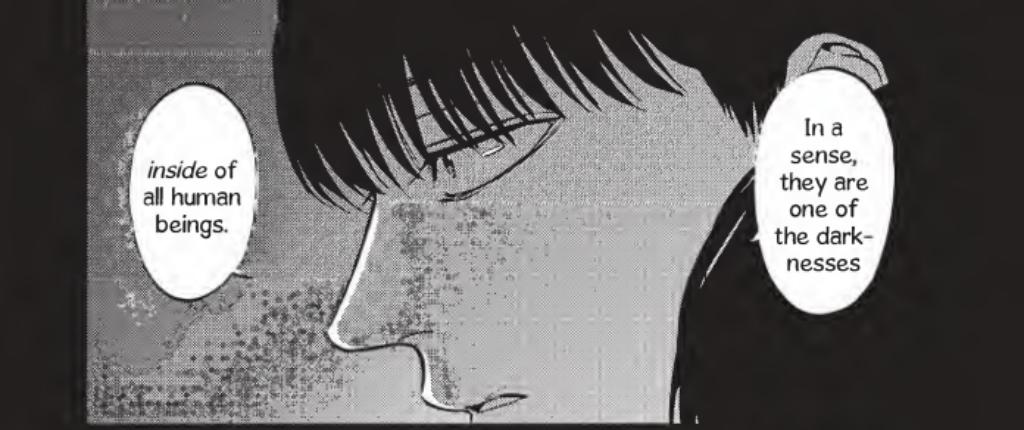








Tamaki Anzai  
might  
not  
have  
been



inside of  
all human  
beings.

In a  
sense,  
they are  
one of  
the dark-  
nesses



and in  
me, even  
without  
any devil  
blood.

Noo  
...

It's in  
you, with  
your devil  
blood,

No...



Everyone  
in here is  
a devil.

Just  
like  
us...

KATUNK

BAM

BANG

AAAAAAGH!

AAAAA

BANG

KLANG

KLANG

SLIP

~~~~~

?!

You said  
you don't  
know until  
you try,  
right?

STEP

~~~~~

If you  
want to  
connect  
with my  
heart,

try walking  
alone in the  
darkness.







The  
darkness  
is closing  
in.

Only the  
sounds  
echo,



becoming  
a mass,  
swarming  
around me,



I can't  
really see  
it too well.



Something  
is there,

screaming  
the whole  
time.

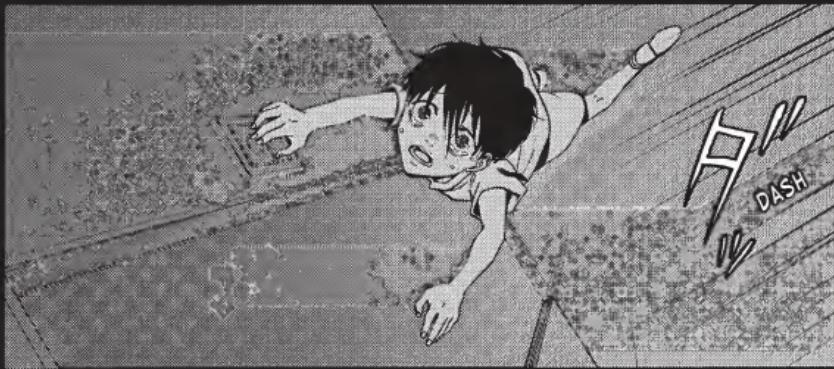


swallowing  
me up.

Line 39  
Dive ②









The  
darkness  
is closing  
in.

HUFF

HUFF

Why?

Is Mr.  
Kikuhabra  
mad,  
too...?

Someone's  
yelling,  
angry.

I  
can't  
really  
see  
their  
face.

If you hurt  
someone,  
even if it's  
not on  
purpose,

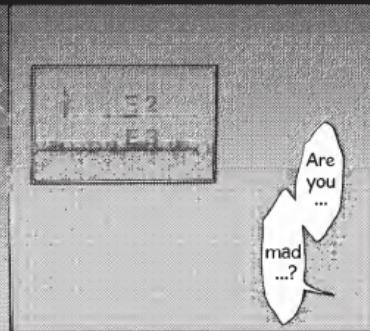
learn why  
you hurt  
them.

Orphanage  
Action  
Policy,  
No. 16

But  
if it's  
my  
fault....

I  
don't  
know.

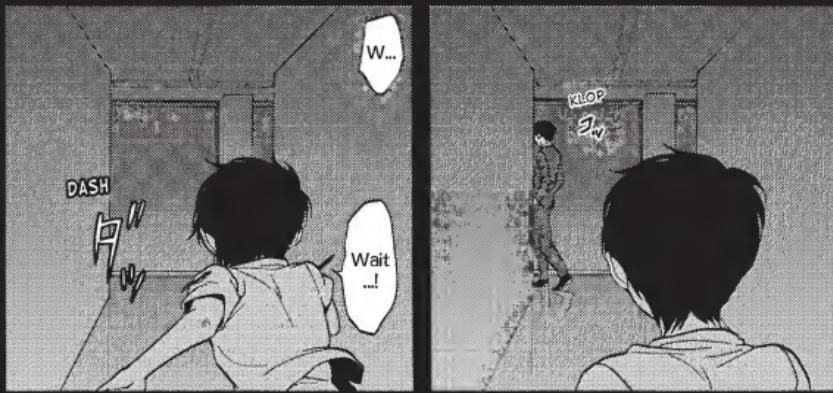


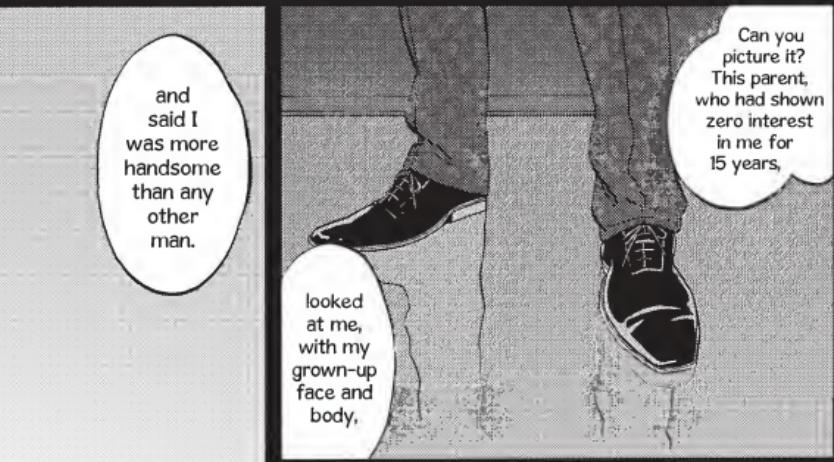




Three  
house-  
keepers  
would  
come in  
shifts



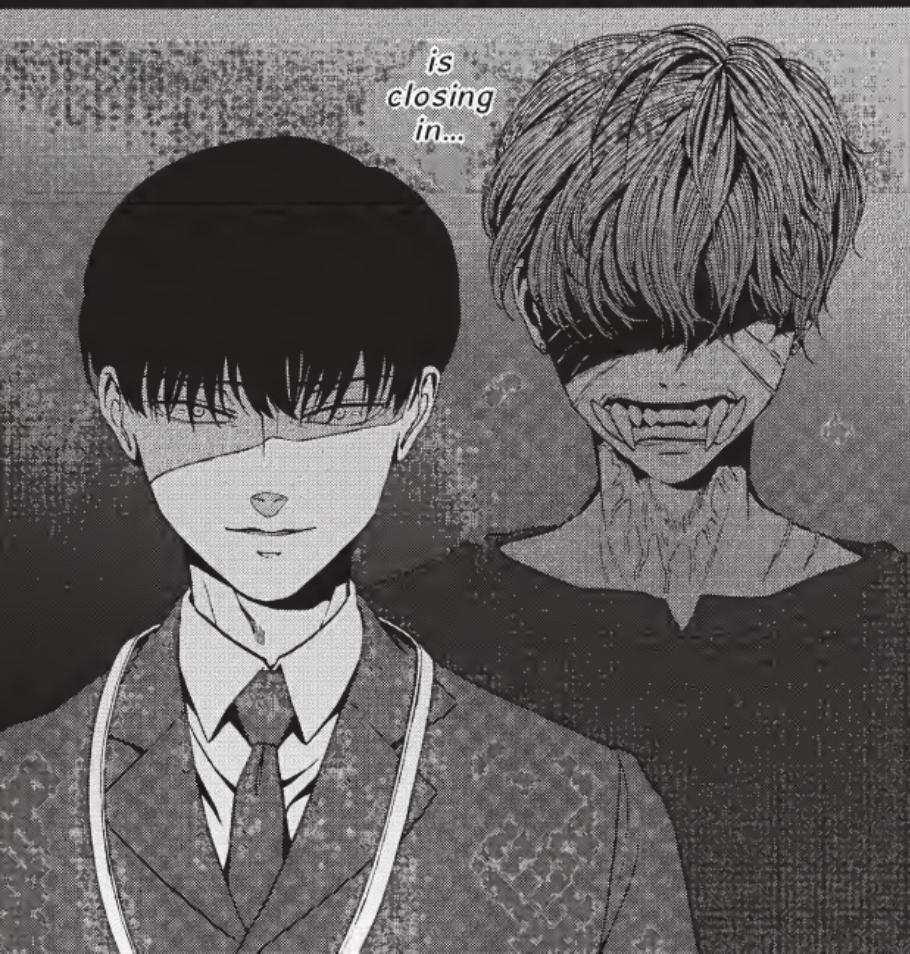


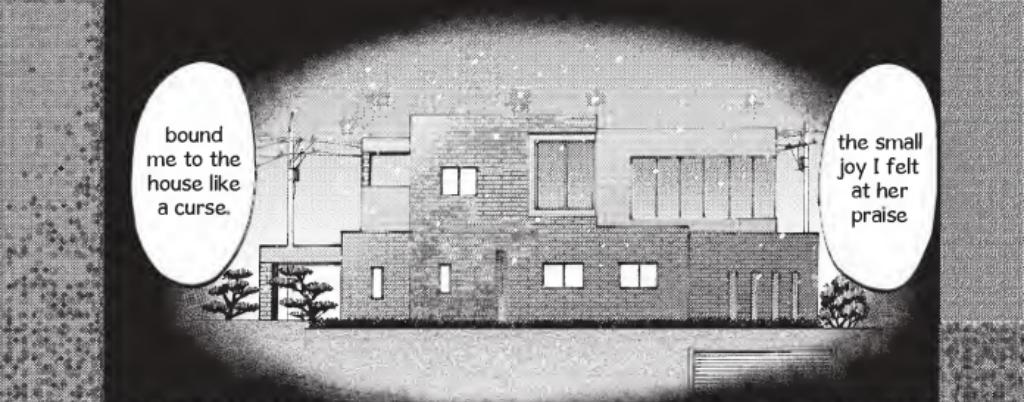


I  
was so  
happy.

It was  
the first  
time she'd  
praised  
me.

And  
even if





bound  
me to the  
house like  
a curse.

the small  
joy I felt  
at her  
praise



it felt  
like dawn  
never  
came.

Whether  
I slept or  
woke,



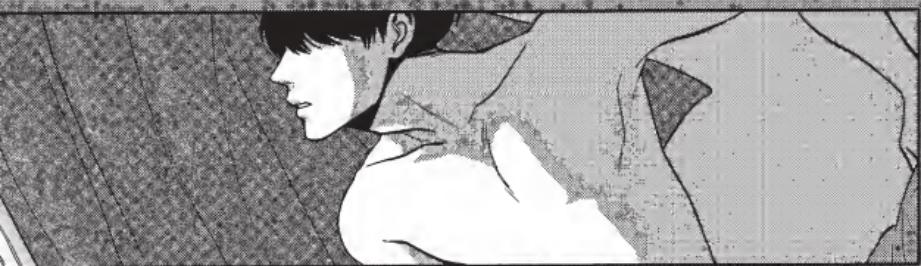
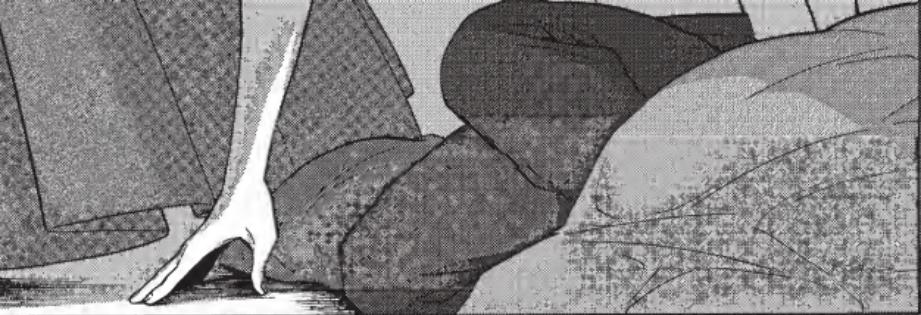
And  
then  
one  
day,



*The air  
was  
cold.*

*And the  
outside*

*was so  
bright.*











His  
face  
is  
just  
like  
mine  
now...



This is  
the path  
also  
taken

by your  
father,  
Tamaki  
Anzai.



My  
sire...  
My real  
father...

My...  
father...



He killed  
15 people.  
He's  
literally  
a devil.

Your  
father is  
also a  
murderer.



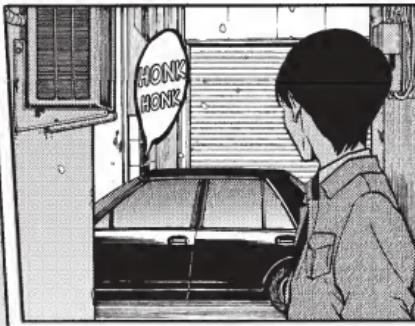
Tamaki  
...

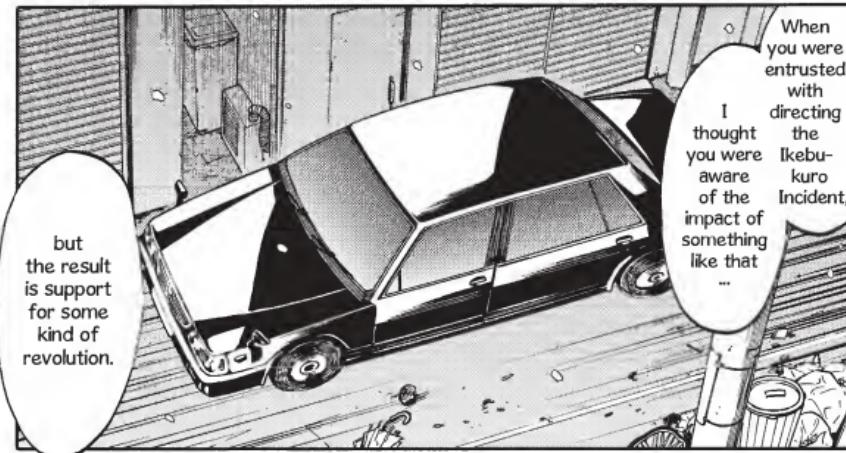
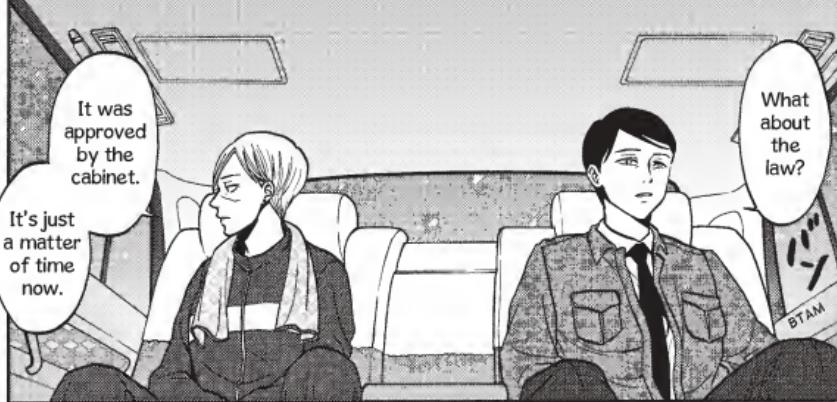
Looks like  
your son  
discovered  
the truth  
about you.

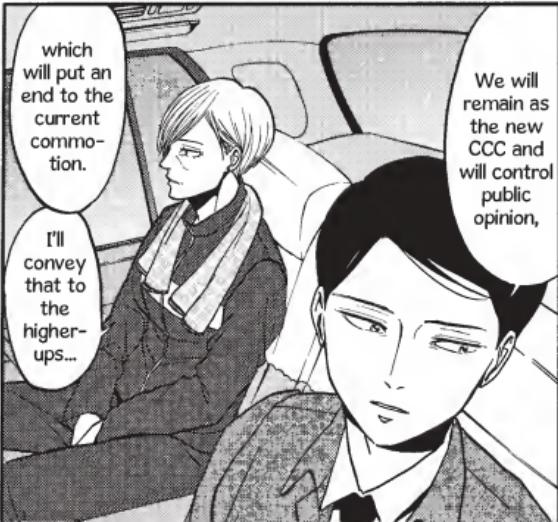
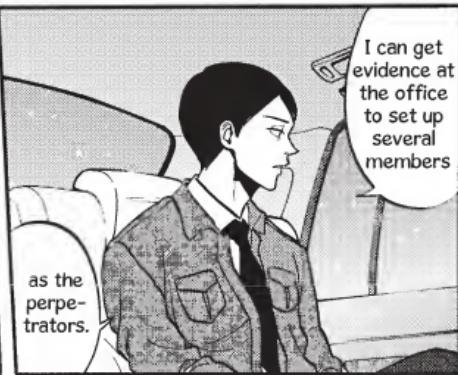


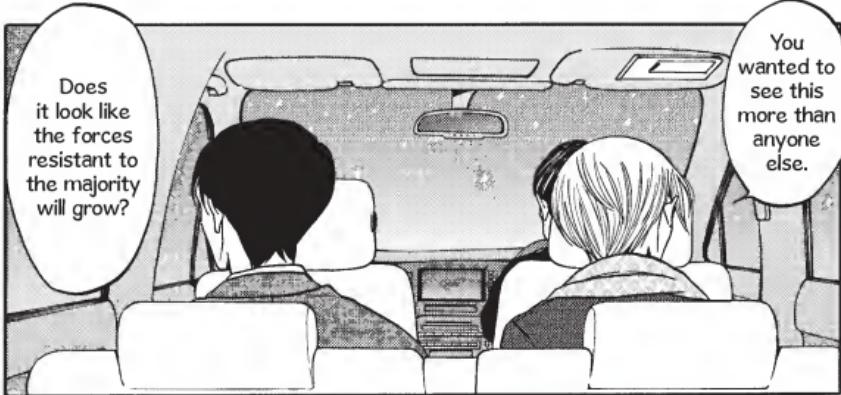




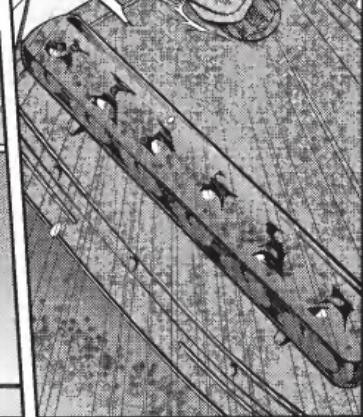




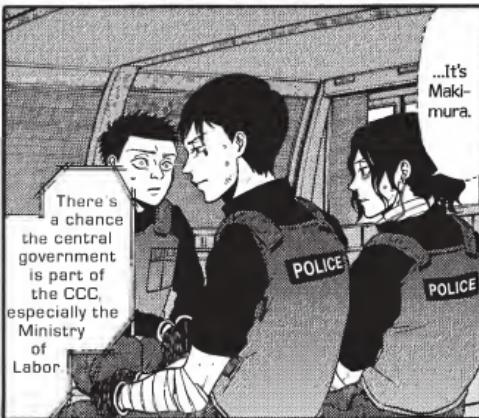














And tell  
Eleven  
...



We  
absolutely  
can't let  
them be  
killed...



The  
current  
members  
of the CCC  
are material  
witnesses  
in this  
case.



other  
people's  
looks...



And  
to just  
ignore  
people  
who pick  
on



11:01

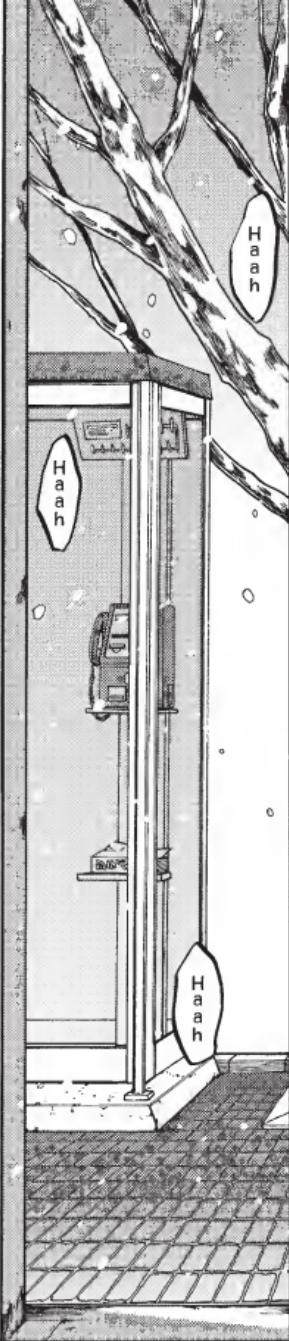


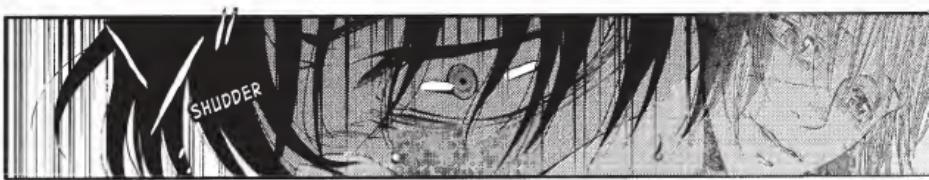
that I'm  
sorry for  
scaring  
her...

















Line 40

Ask the Dark

How  
are you  
feeling?

I'm your  
attending  
physician,  
Feng.







It  
seems  
she made  
you bite  
her arm  
herself.

I heard  
the gist  
of what  
happened.

SHAAAA

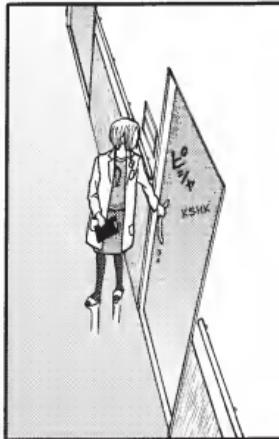
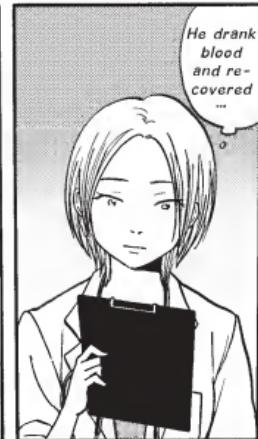
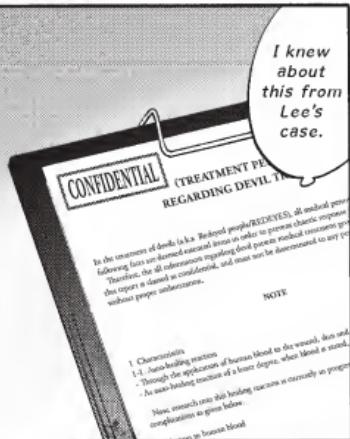
Ngh  
...

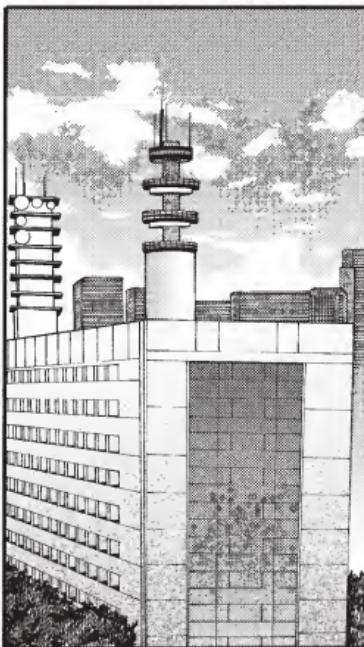
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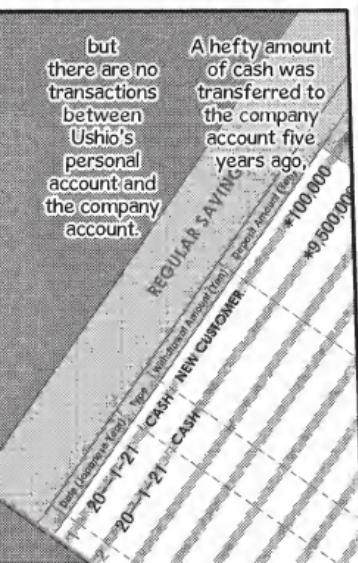
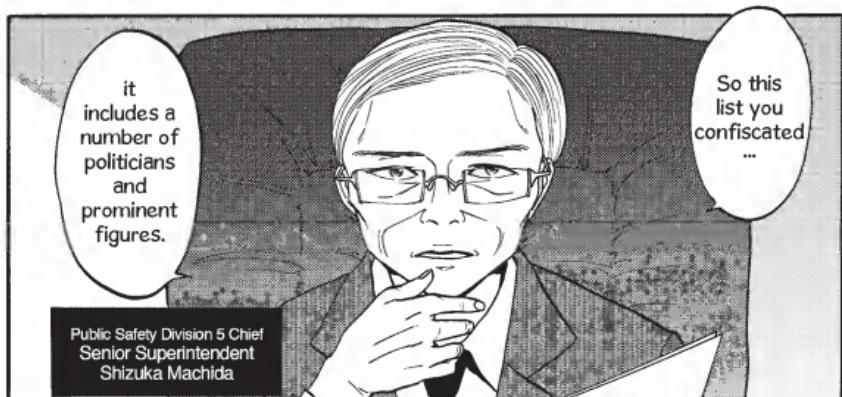
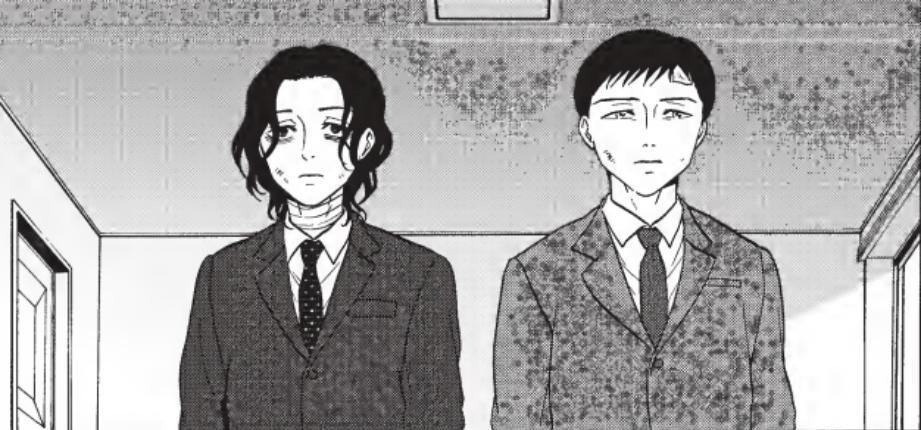
Urgh  
...

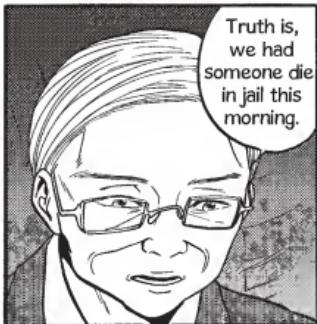
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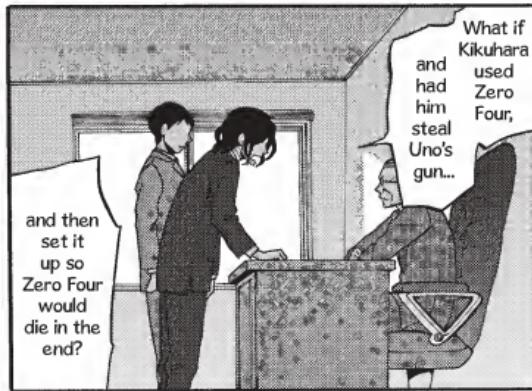




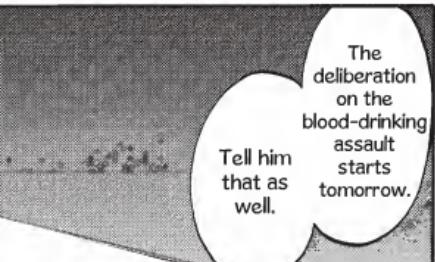


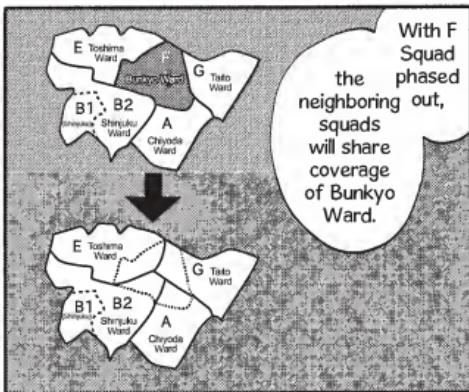


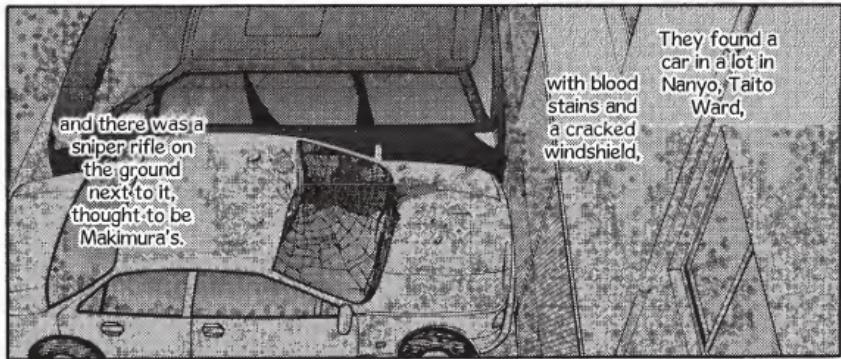














Sawazaki,  
you're  
trans-  
ferred  
to Division  
5, Section  
1.

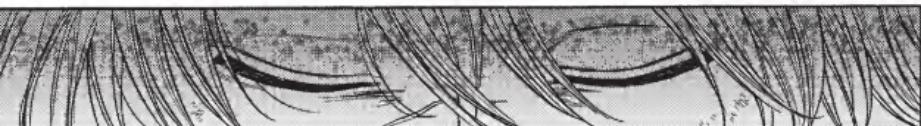
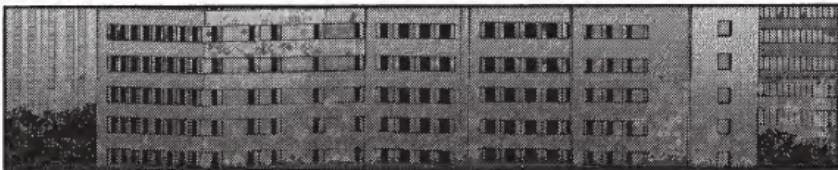


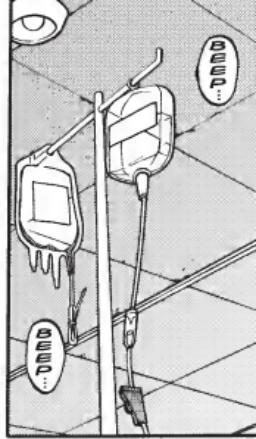
Are  
you  
sad?

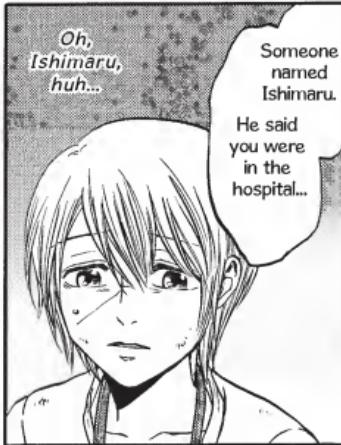
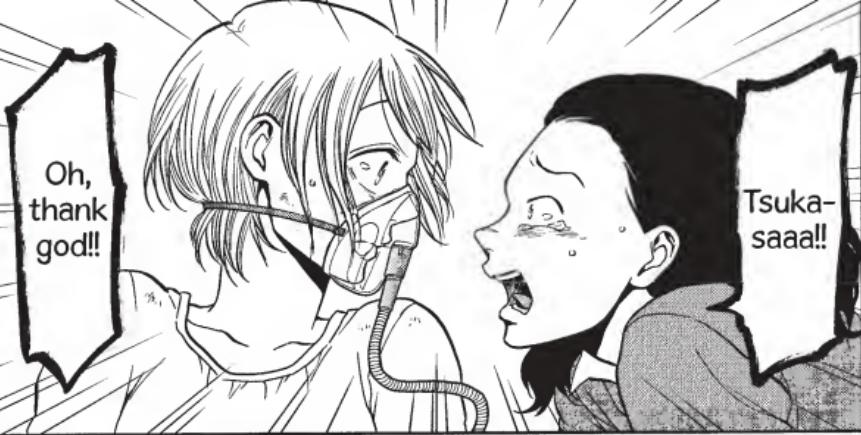


Yanagi  
will go  
back to  
the hospital  
we bor-  
rowed him  
from.









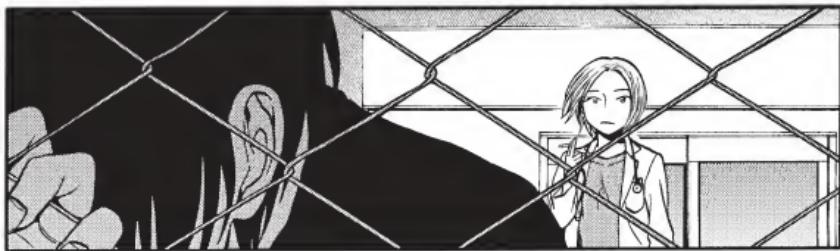




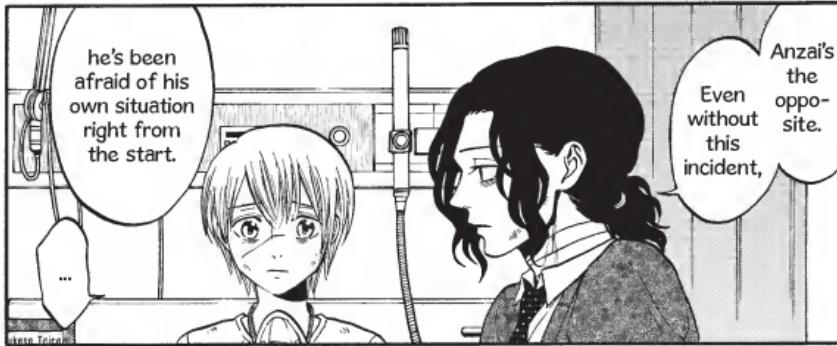


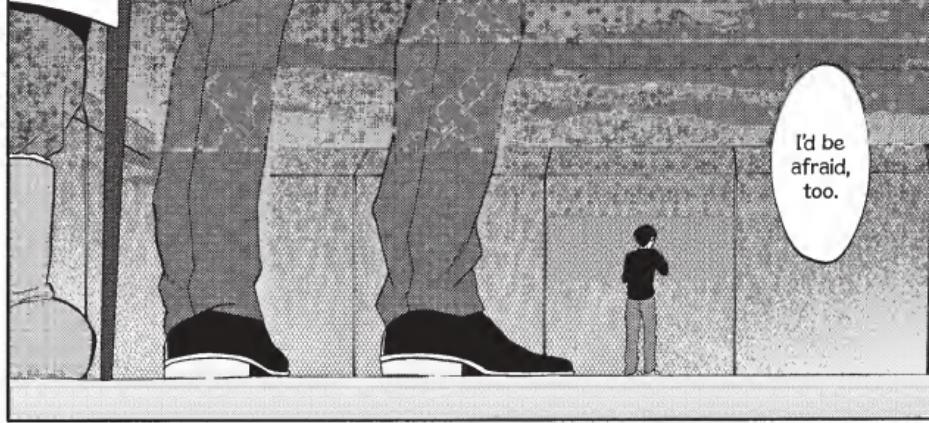






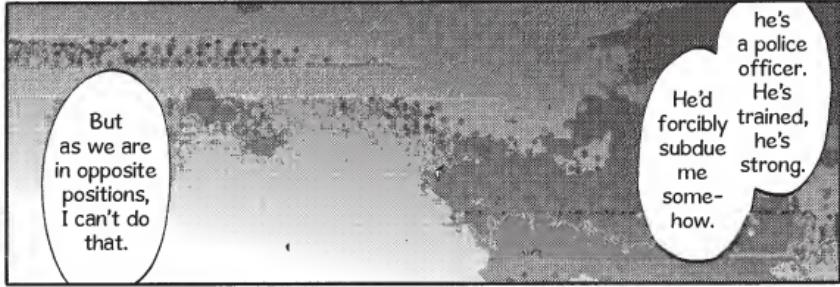








even in  
the worst  
case, if  
"the devil  
ran wild"  
...



But  
as we are  
in opposite  
positions,  
I can't do  
that.

he's  
a police  
officer.  
He's  
trained,  
he's  
strong.



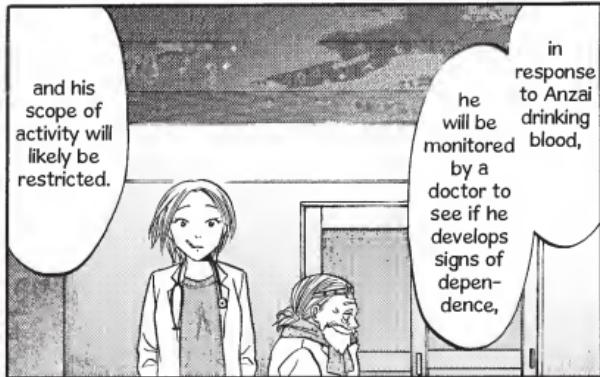
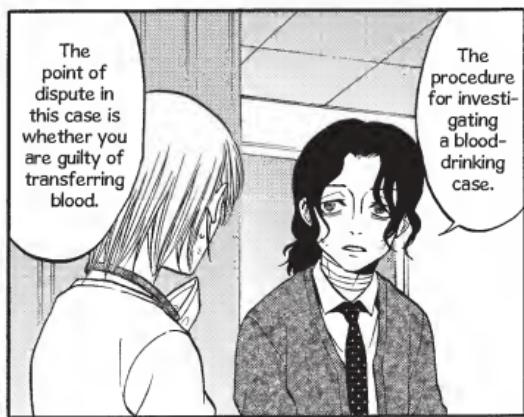
I'll  
probably  
kill  
Tsukasa.

If  
something  
like this  
happens  
again...





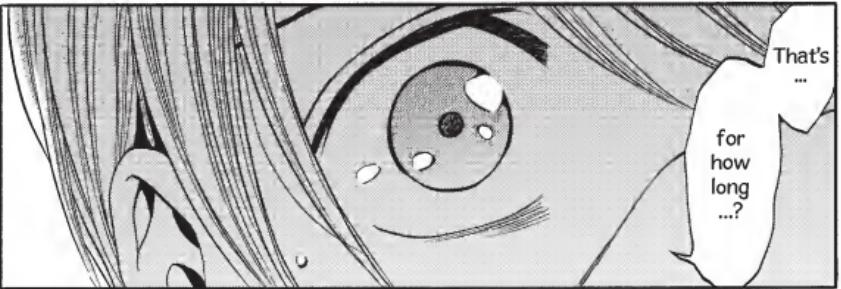




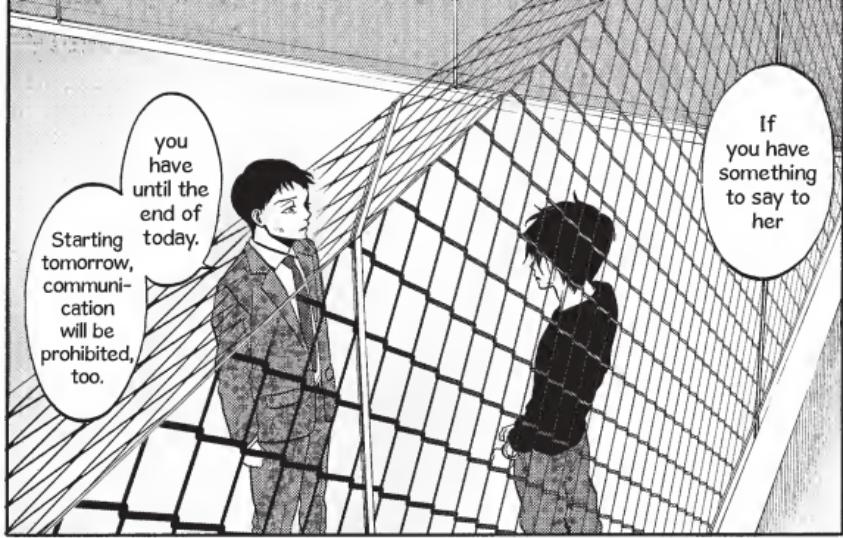


are prohibited from approaching each other, for safety reasons.

Until the results of the deliberation are in, the human and devil involved in the case



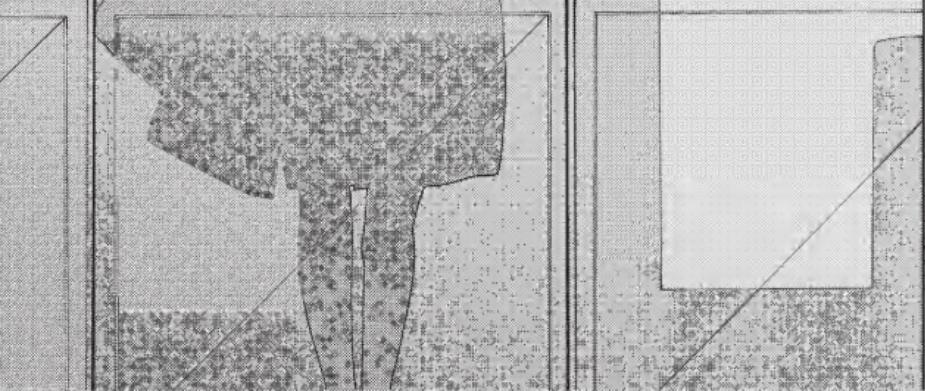
Starting tomorrow, when the paperwork will be filed, for about three months.



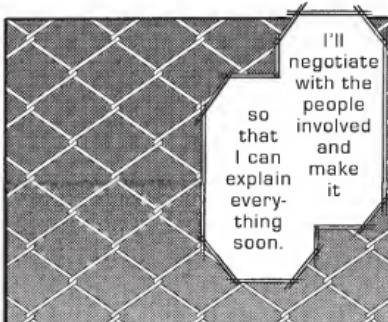


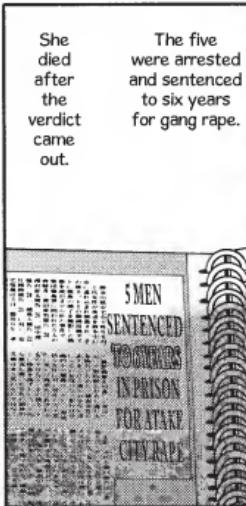
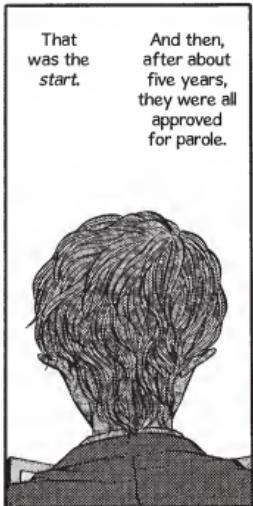


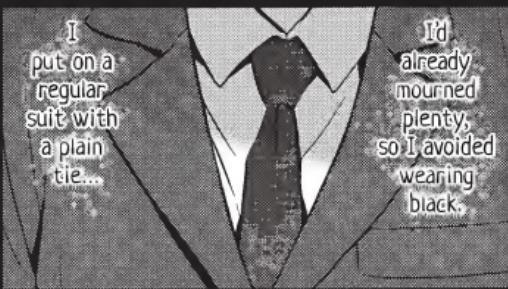




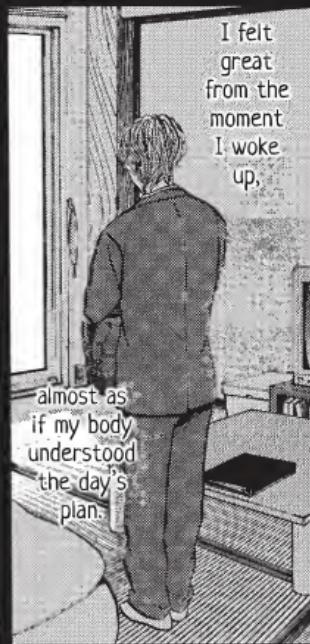








and I went to kill five people."







In the end, ten people unrelated to the incident died.

It was during the night, so they had a hard time securing him.



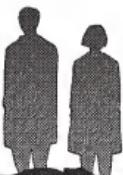
After drinking the blood of the five men he killed, Tamaki lost himself.

He even attacked the family members who were with them and passers-by.

But the nightmare didn't stop with that.

That was when I met him.

it was decided that his sentence would be temporarily postponed, and he would be treated as a medical research subject.



but because he had developed such a serious blood addiction, the likes of which you rarely see these days,

Tamaki was given the death penalty,

He was a living corpse, suffering from the symptoms of addiction...



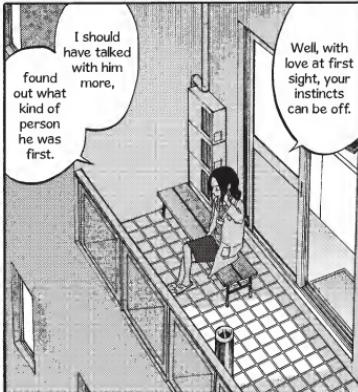
He lost his lover.  
He killed fifteen people.

why were you with him?

If you knew he was that kind of man,









will probably be with him for the rest of his life...

That fear that he might hurt or even kill a human



me always carrying tranquilizers and a gun.

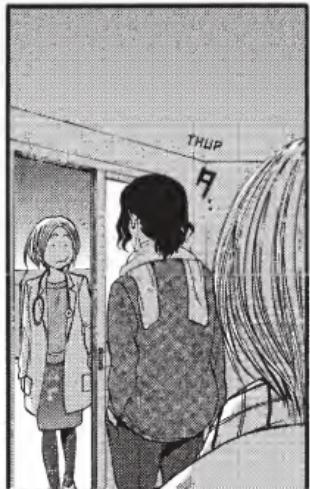
Not being alone together, using handcuffs,

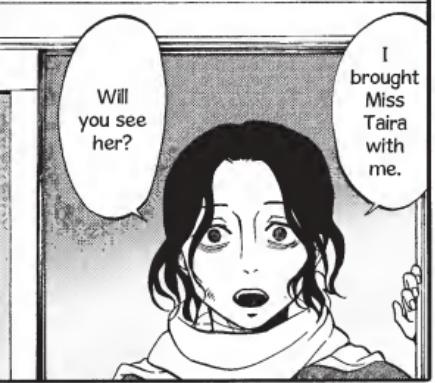


The only thing you and your girlfriend can do is to keep searching, too.

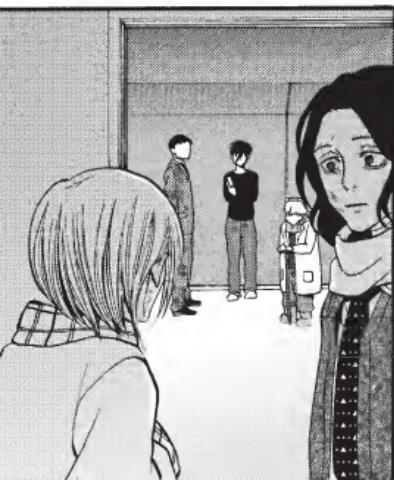
In our own way, we searched for a way to live together.







I brought Miss Taira with me.





"I liked  
you

when  
I first met  
you."



she urged  
me on;  
saying she  
wouldn't die  
if she got  
bit a little.

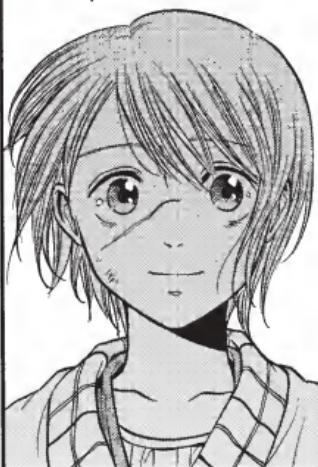
Even when  
we decided  
to date,

Her eyes  
are clear,  
she's not  
looking  
away.

Not a  
hint of  
sorrow  
in her  
face.

I haven't  
decided  
anything  
on my own.

Up 'til  
now,





Yeah.

Did you hear about the deliberation...?



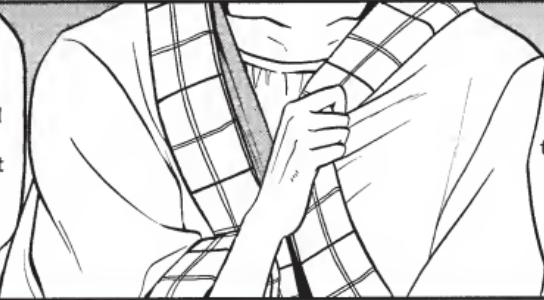
have contact for the three months of the deliberation.



But the truth is...

I was a little relieved that we can't

I won't get sad and make you worry about me.



If I'm apart from you, then I won't end up hurting you.

I

can't keep going the way things are.



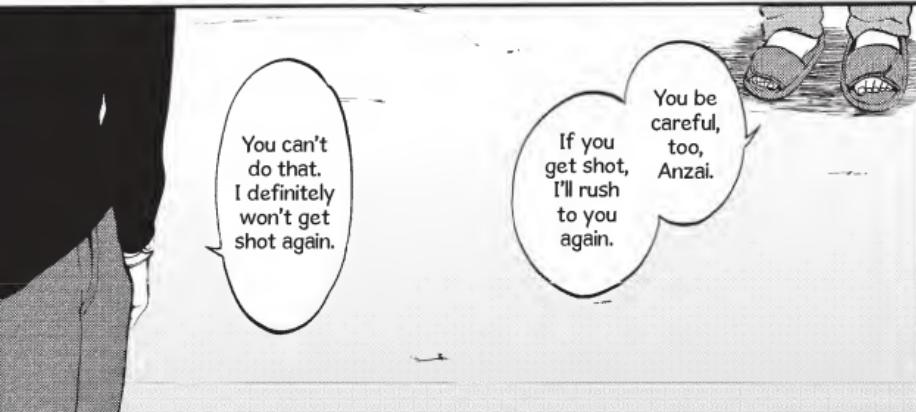
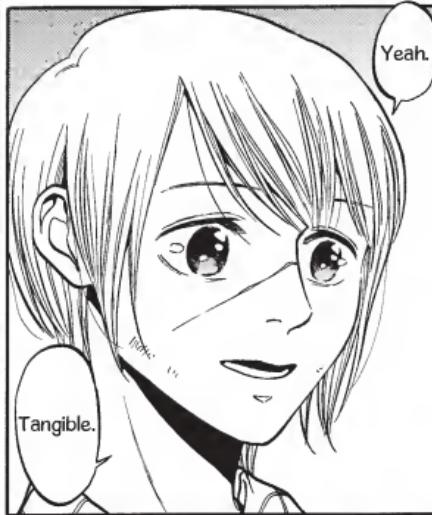
I want to  
break up  
for now

and use  
these three  
months to  
sort out my  
feelings.

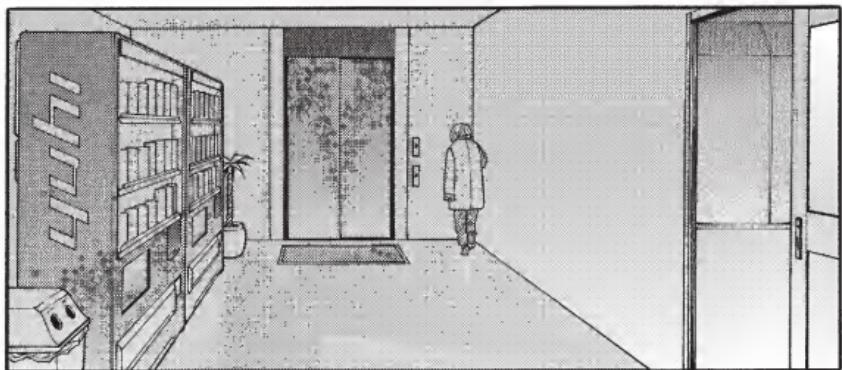
I'll clear  
away my  
confusion

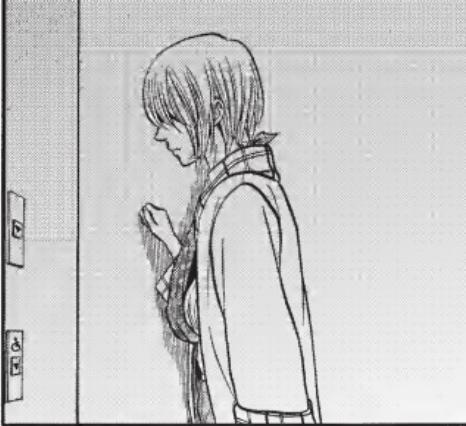
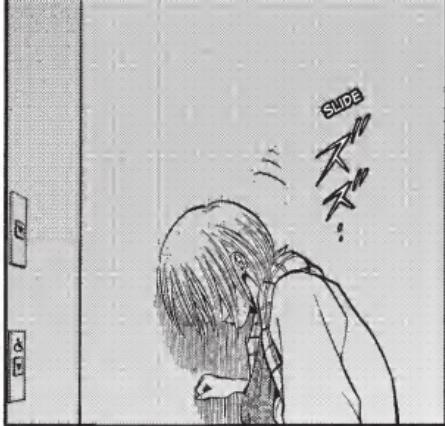
and  
come see  
you again  
in three  
months.







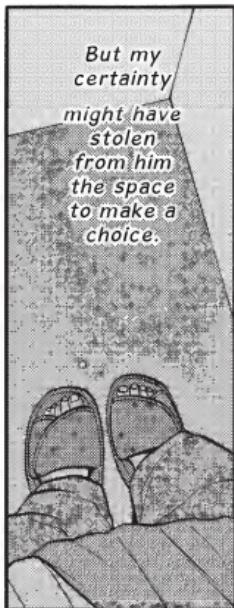


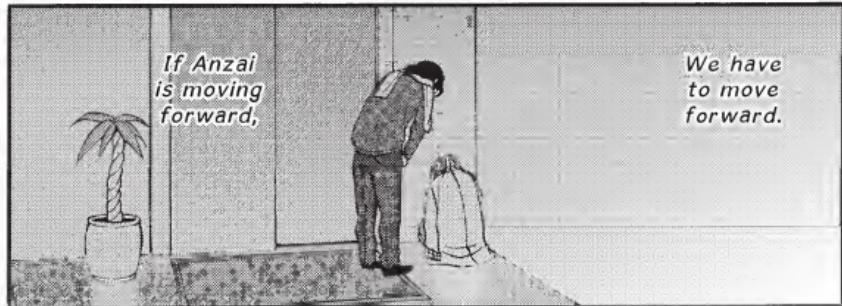


I was  
even less  
uncertain  
about being  
by his side.

That's  
why

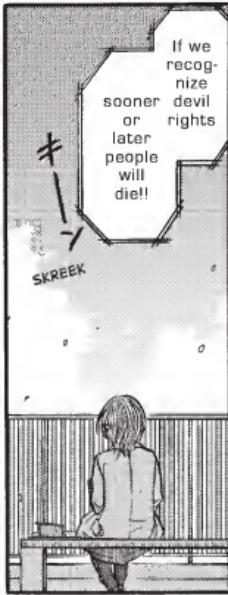
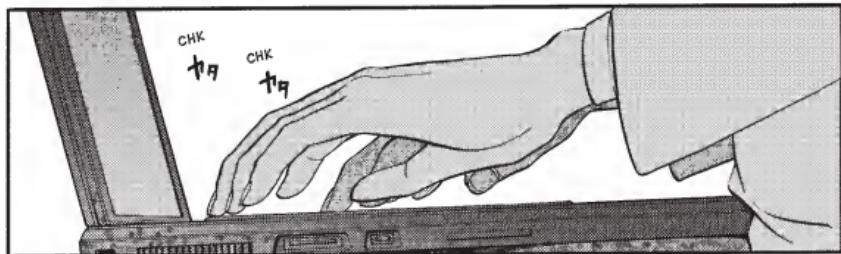
I knew  
this was  
hard for  
Anzai.



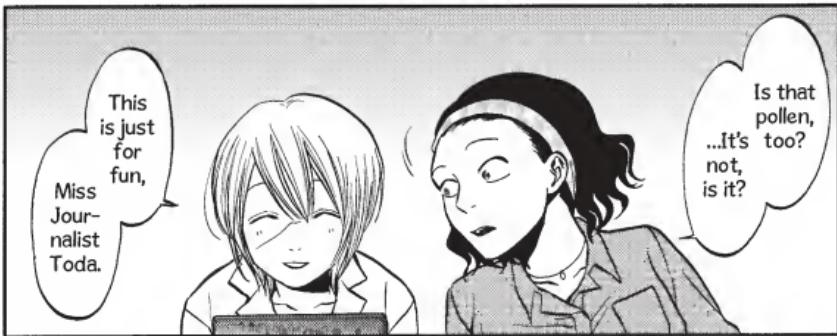


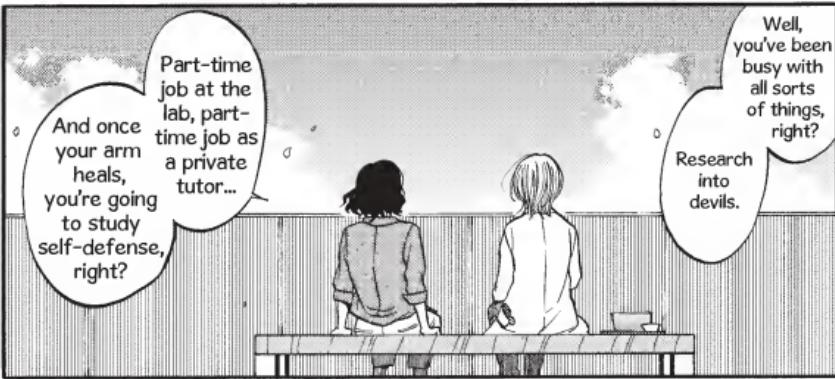
*I'll  
move  
forward,  
too.*

Six weeks later









It'll be  
a nice  
change  
of pace.

Before  
the cherry  
blossoms  
are gone.  
You wanna  
have a  
flower  
viewing  
party  
soon?



All  
right!  
Let's  
do it!

Oh,  
that's  
right...

Good  
idea!  
Let's  
make a  
picnic  
lunch.

It's  
tonight,  
in the  
audito-  
rium.

Hm?

There  
was this  
flyer  
in the  
admin  
office.

I  
re-  
mem-  
bered  
with  
"change of pace."  
I thought you  
might be  
interested  
in this.

# DEVILS AND HUMAN SOCIETY

What are devils? An introduction for beginners

6:30 ~ 17:50

East Auditorium

Lecture: Midori Anzai

Obihiro National Laboratory, Bunkyo

The  
lecturer  
is...

The  
radicals are  
restricting  
admission.

Apparently,  
someone doing  
devil research  
is giving a  
lecture.

Midori  
Anzai...

Obihiro  
National  
Laboratory  
...







but  
would  
you like  
to have  
dinner  
tonight?!

I-I-I  
know  
this is  
sudden,

Ah!

Public Safety Division 1  
(General Admin)  
Aya Shinjo

If  
today's  
no good,  
anytime  
...

Oh!  
A pub or  
some-  
thing is  
fine!

I'm  
I'm  
So  
can I  
ask for  
your  
contact  
info?

What?!  
Wow!  
All right  
!!

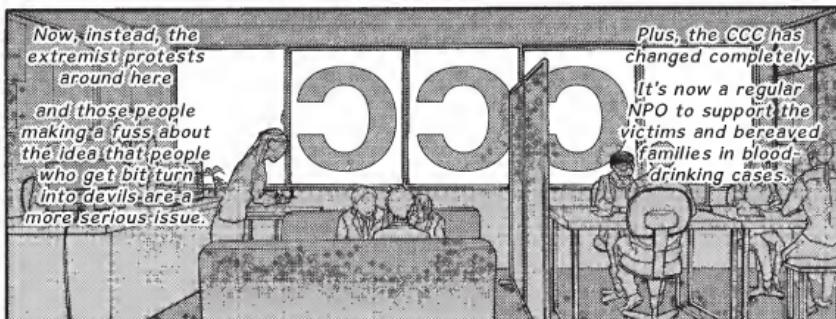
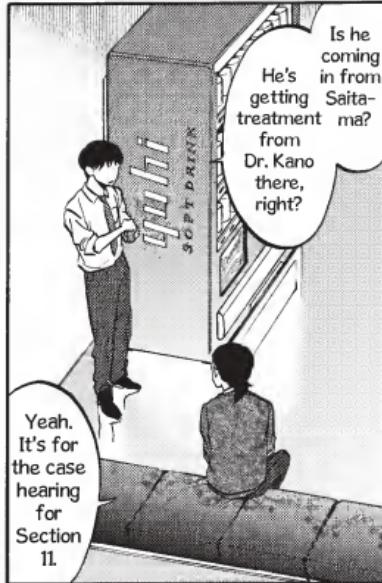
Tonight's  
fine.

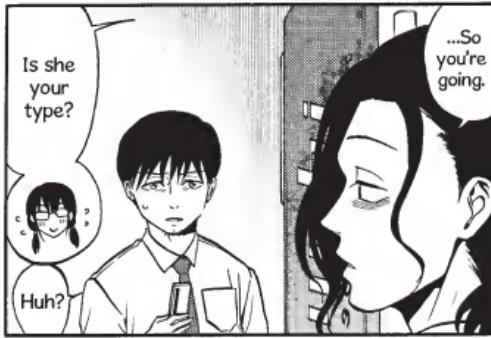
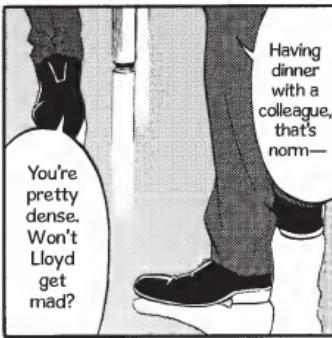


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Mother's Devils' Line

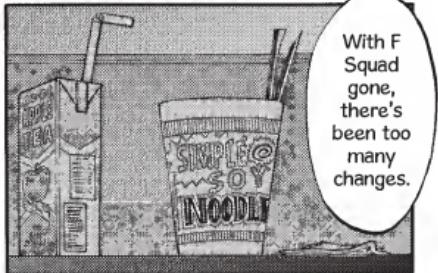


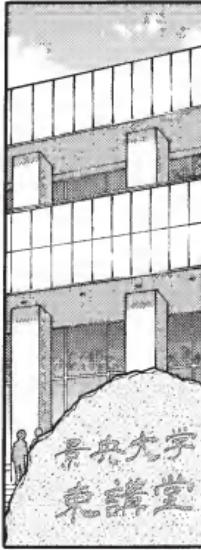
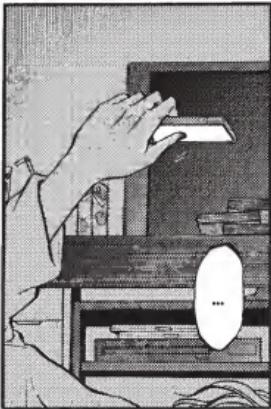
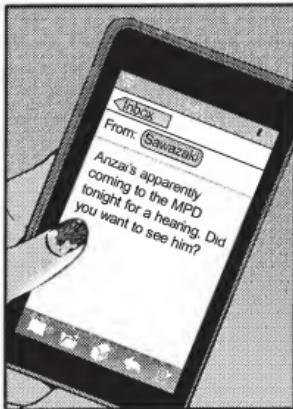


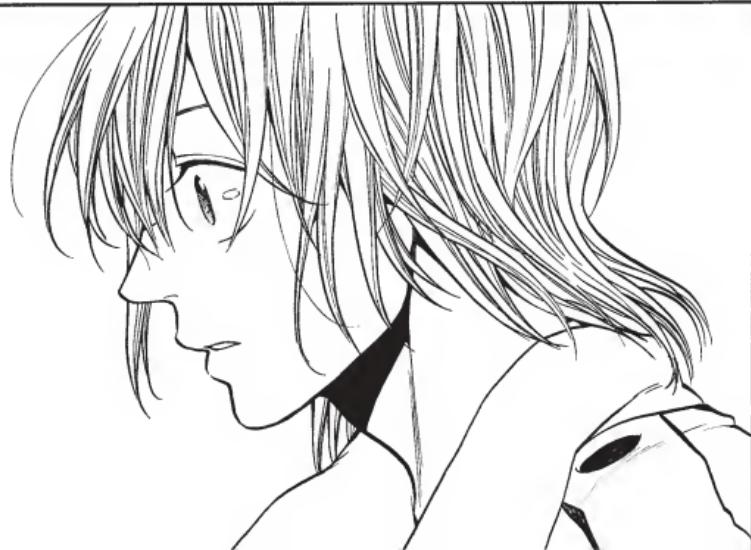
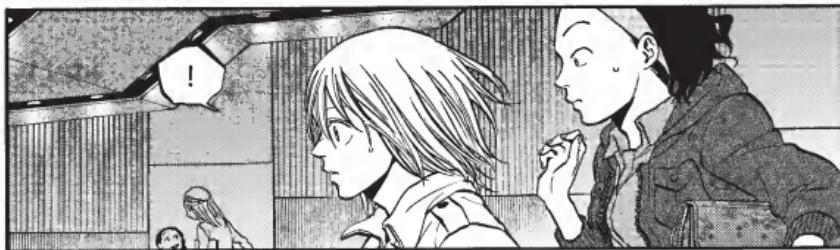
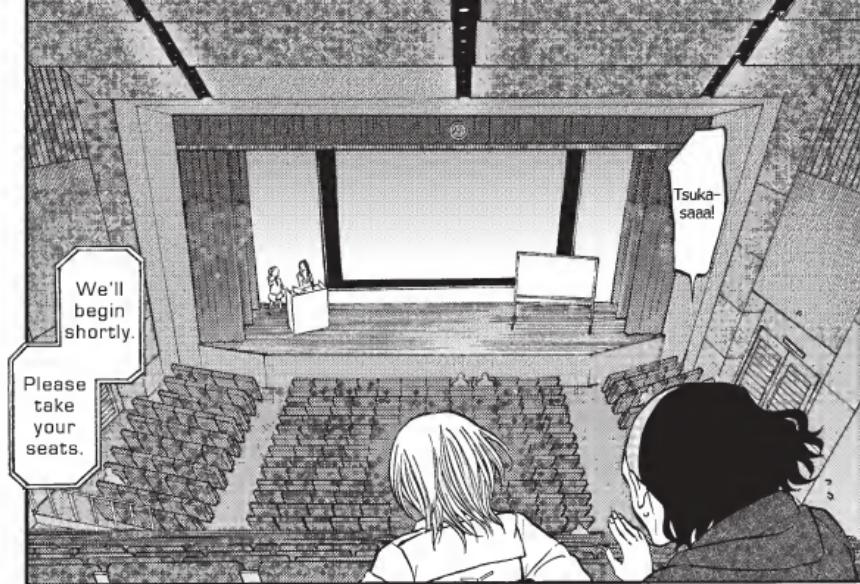


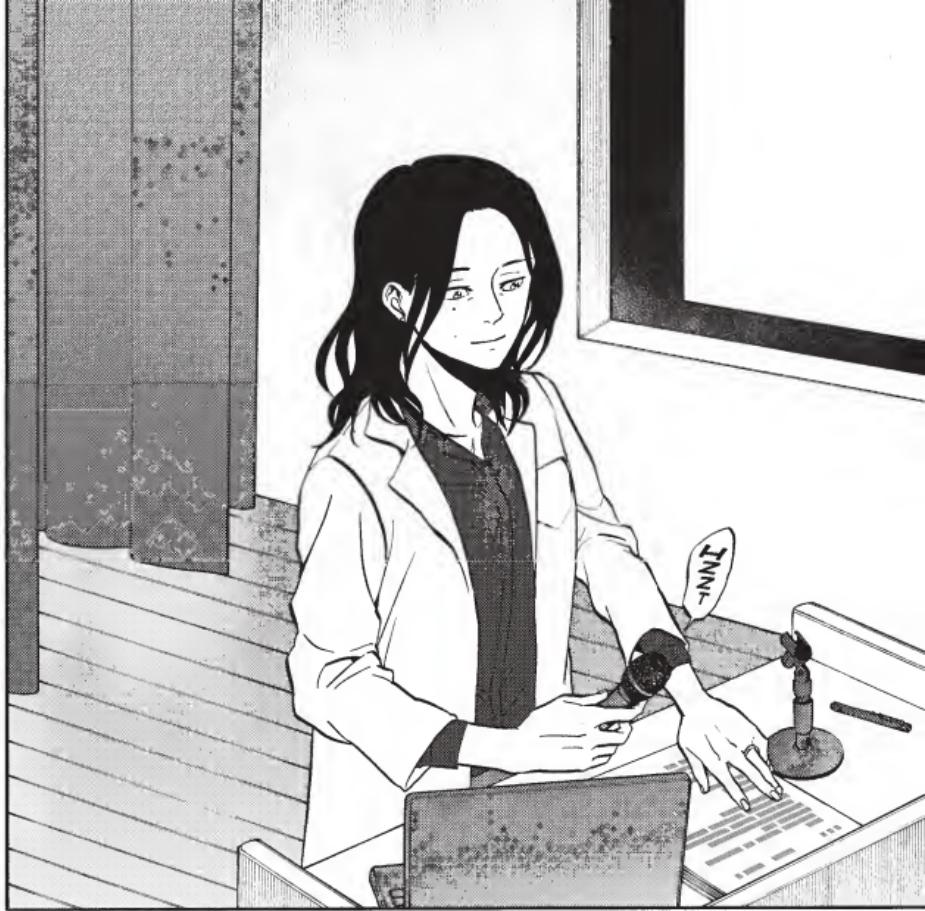


A bit.











have in fact had a fixed population for ages.

First, the devils that came to light after the Ikebukuro Incident

But their greatest feature is that

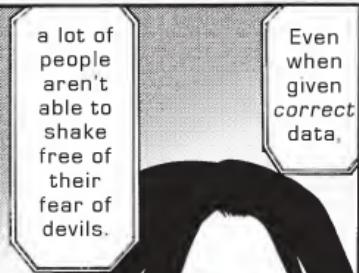
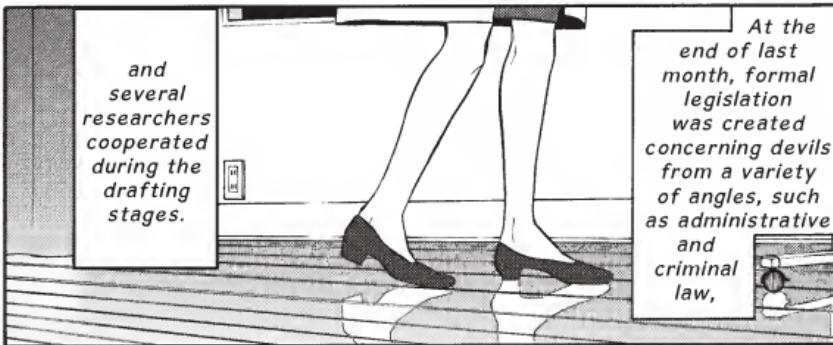
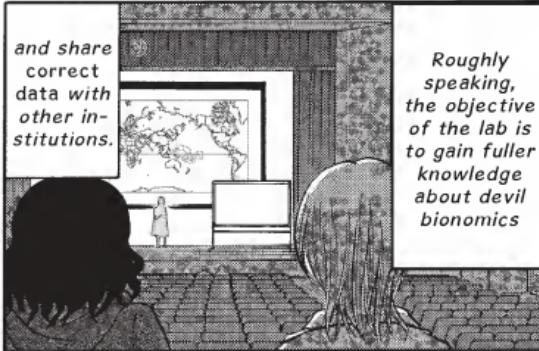
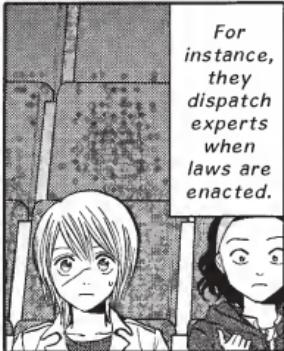
when they drink the blood of a non-devil person, they transform.

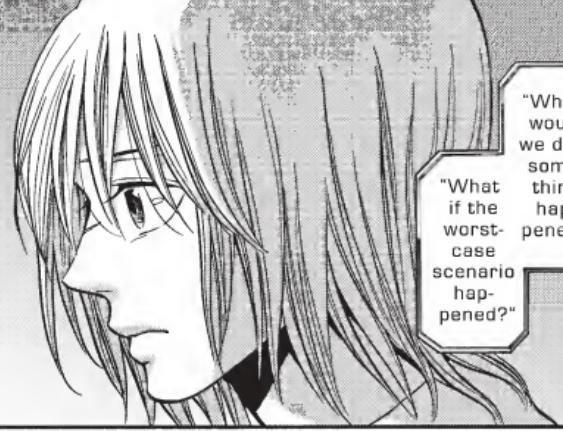
Plus the fact that they are people, and definitely human.

In Japan, that facility is the Obihiro National Laboratory.

To study this physical difference, research facilities have been set up in certain countries.

While they are still people, this difference is critical.





It's hard to persuade people who think like this, because there's no basis for their fears.

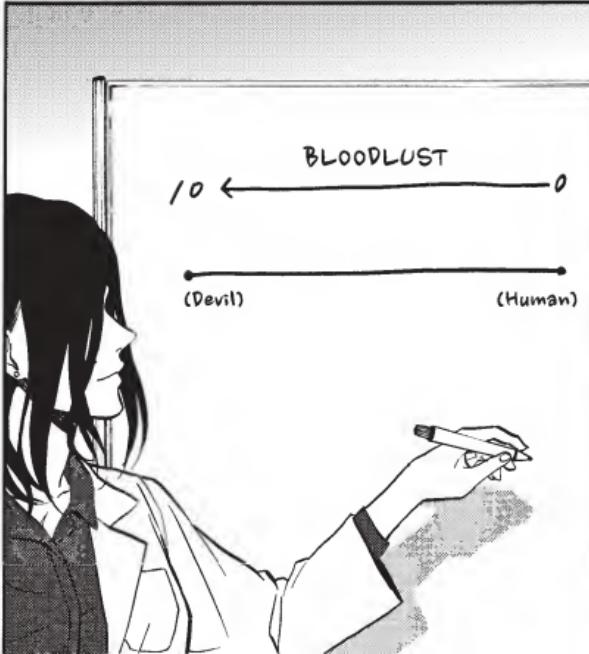
"What would we do if something happened?"  
"What if the worst-case scenario happened?"

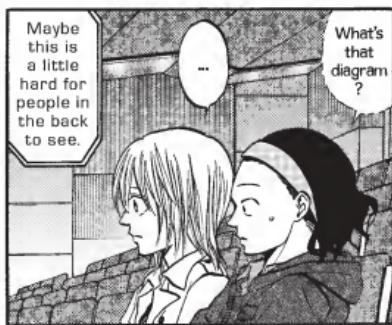
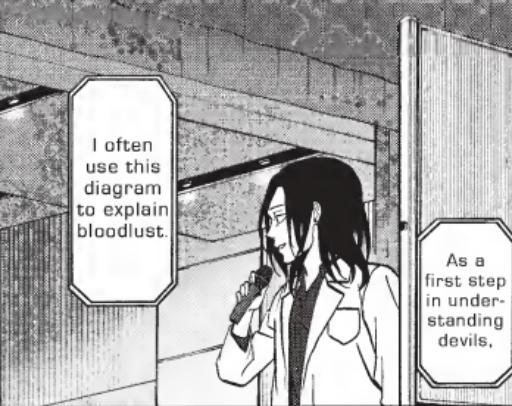


and time to process their feelings are what works.

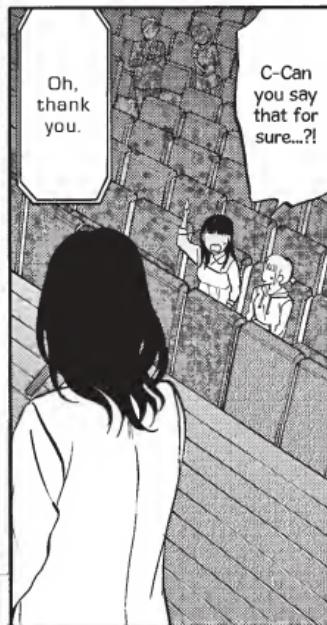
I think easy, comprehensive explanations

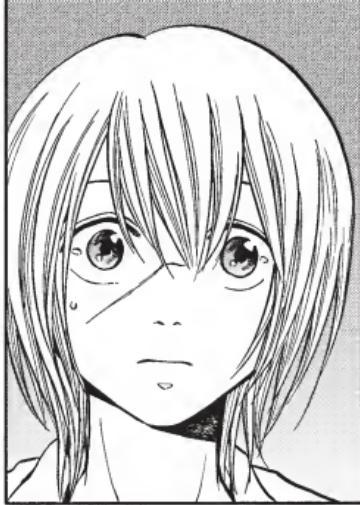
And for baseless anxiety,



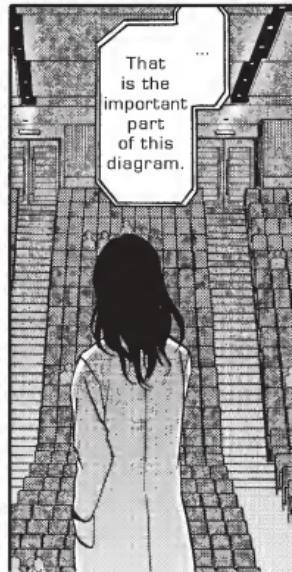
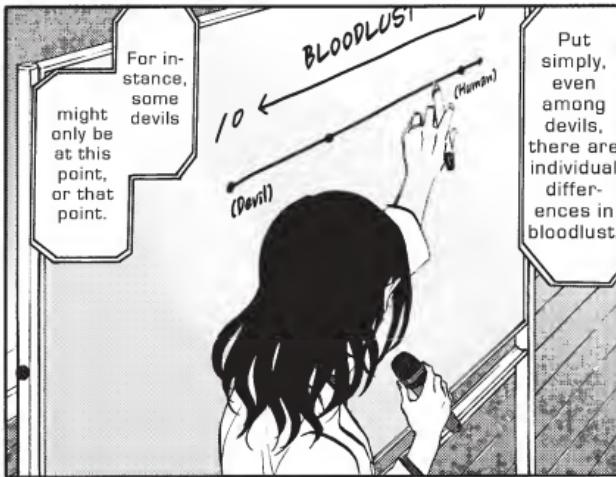
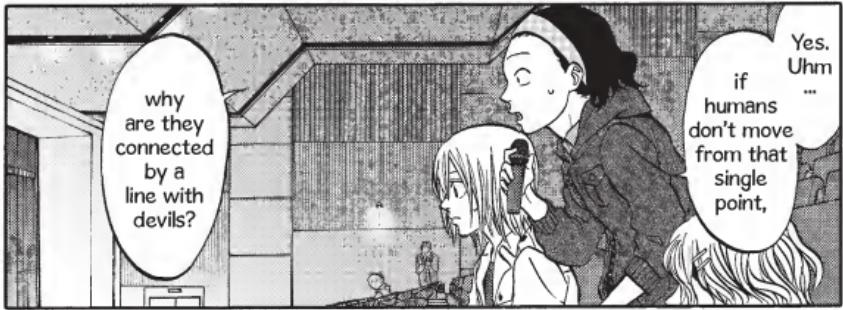


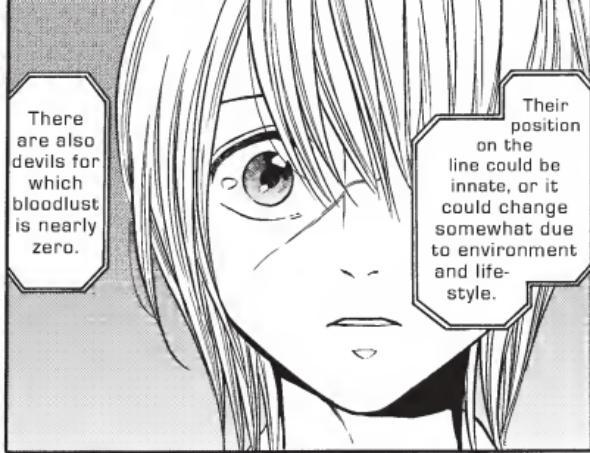
Being a devil is genetic. It can't be transmitted.





Could we get a mic for the person in the back ...?





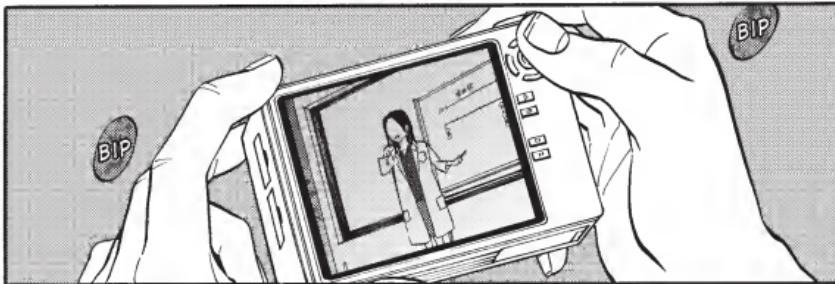
(Human)

So that means there is no border between devil and human...

(Devil)

SGK

I see...

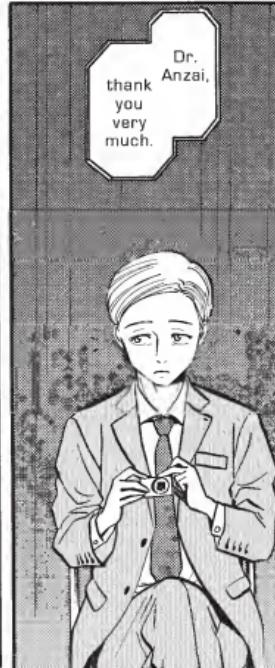


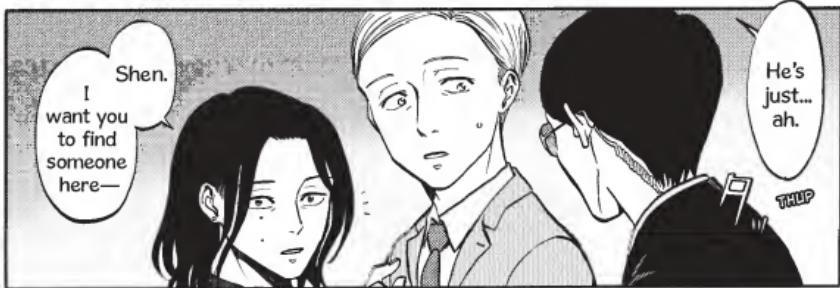
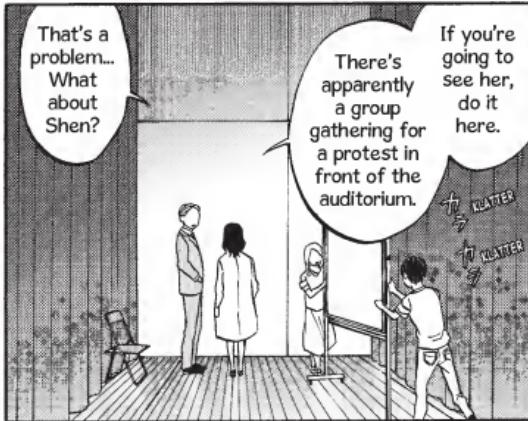
That girl was here.

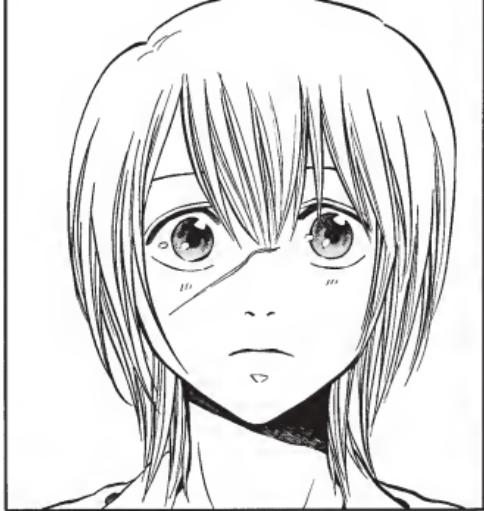
I took some pictures. We can use them for PR.

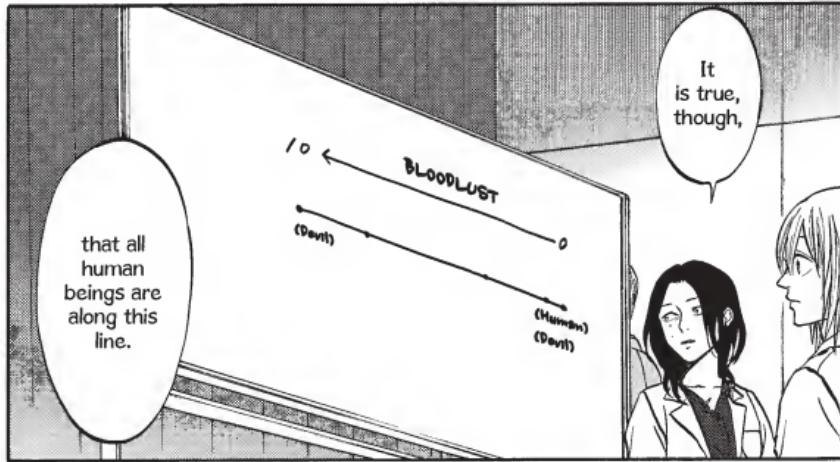
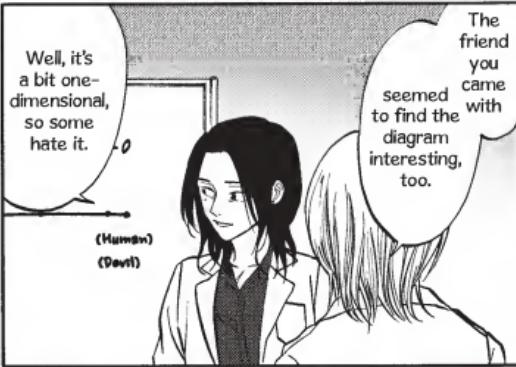
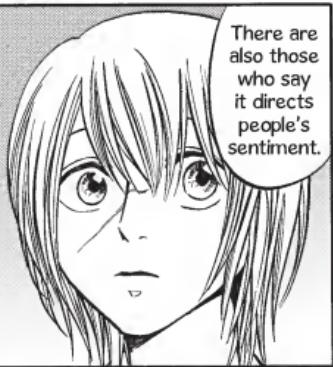
Good job.

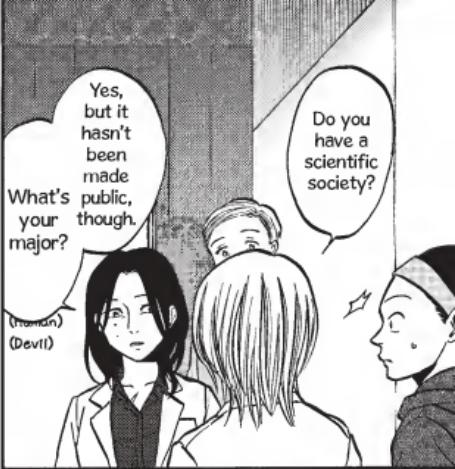
Dr. Anzai, thank you very much.

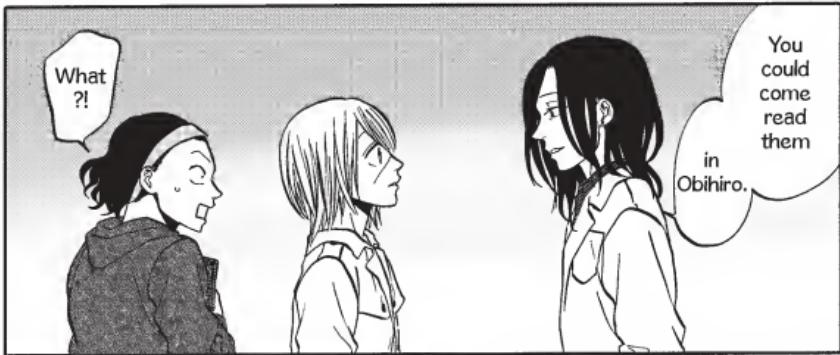


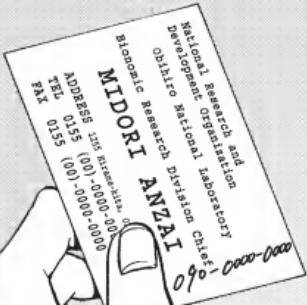
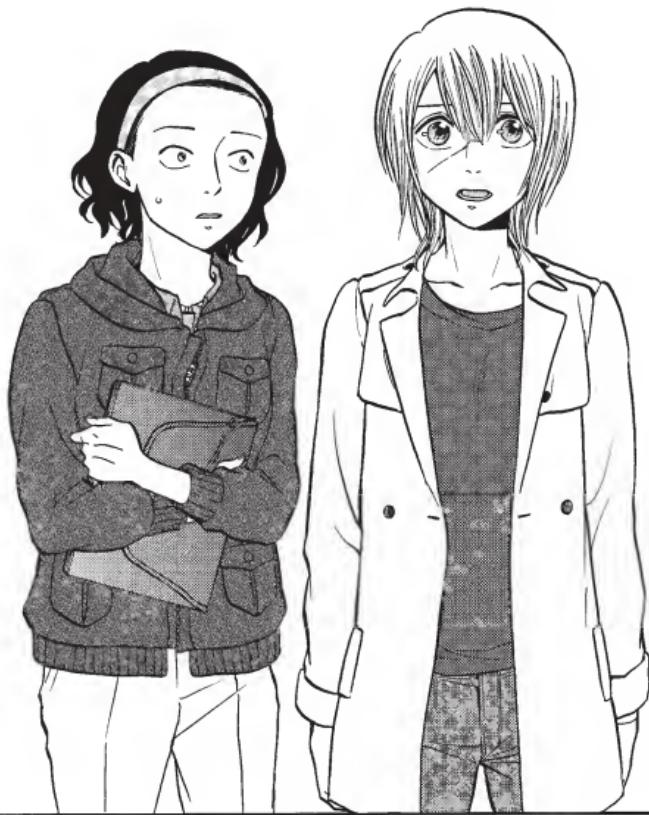














Genetically,  
there's no  
difference  
between  
humans and  
devils.

but the  
cause still  
hasn't been  
identified.

There are  
indeed  
statistics  
that say  
that,

might  
just be in  
the domain  
of the  
humanities.

The reason  
why their  
lives aren't  
longer

Whoa!  
There's a  
protest  
right  
outside  
...

Even if,  
hypothetically,  
she's  
Anzai's mother,  
it seems like  
there are certain  
circumstances,  
and I shouldn't  
stick my nose in...

Living  
environment,  
social  
conditions  
...  
We'd  
need  
some  
kind of  
data to  
deter-  
mine  
that.

So  
then,  
what  
is the  
cause?

I wanted  
to ask  
about her  
connection  
with Anzai,  
too, but  
I guess  
that can  
wait.

I  
see...





Eventually, the days passed, and spring came,

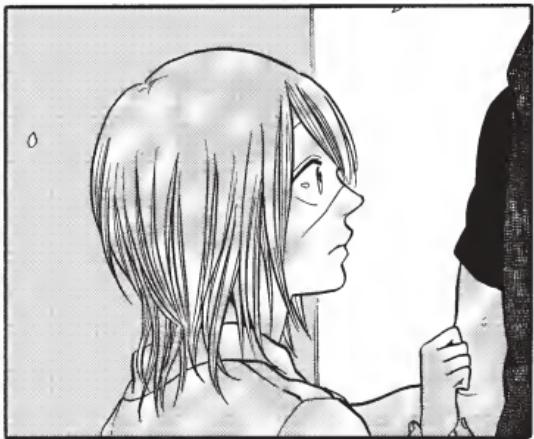
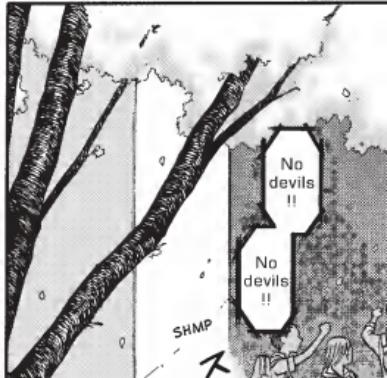
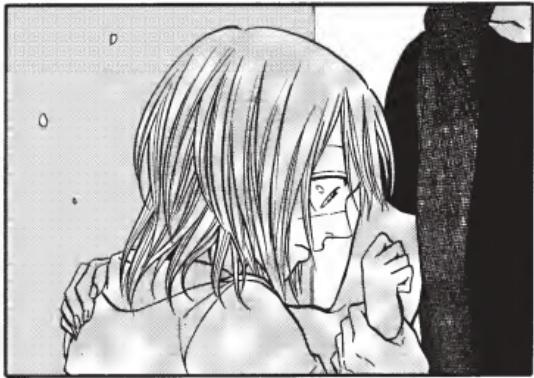




Devils

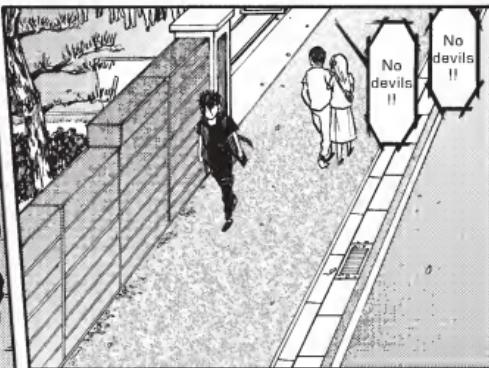
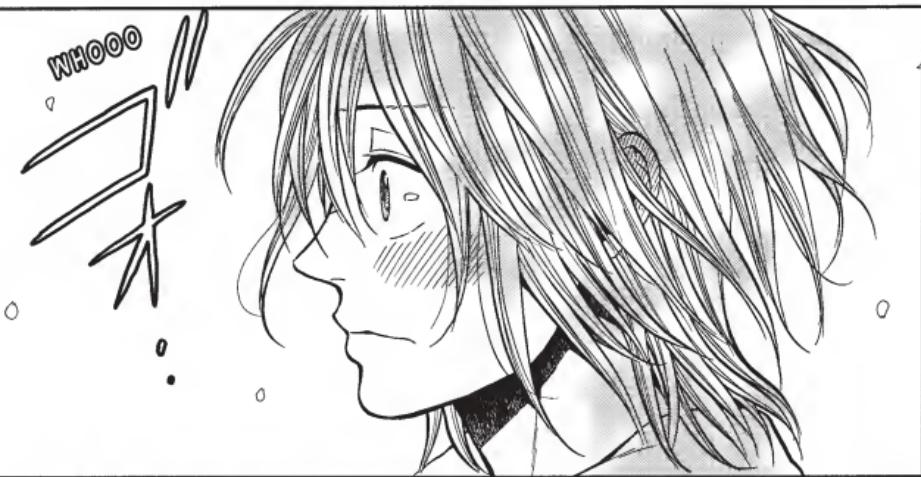






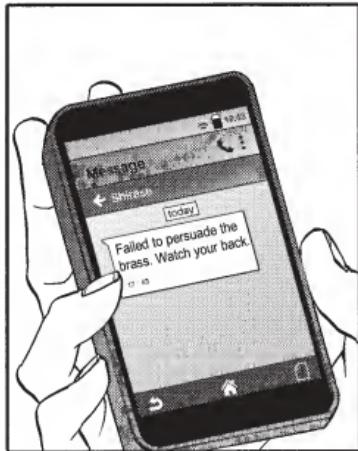
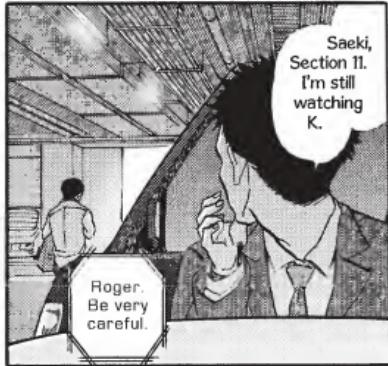












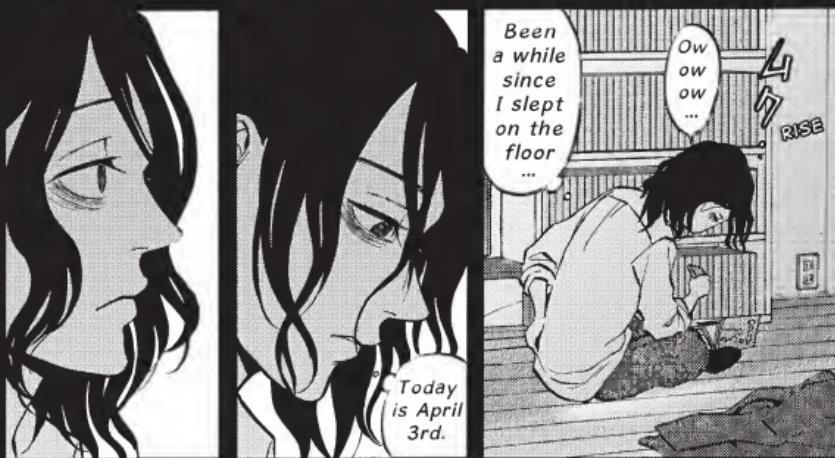


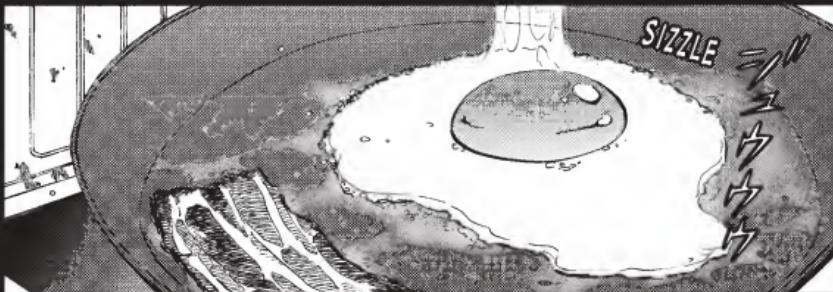


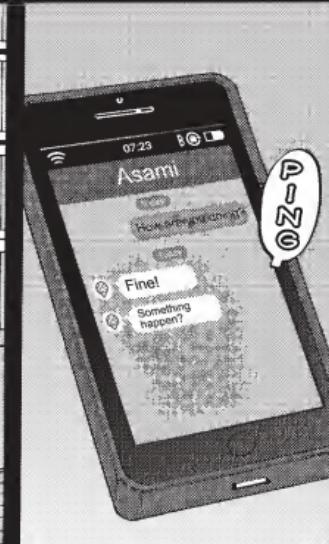
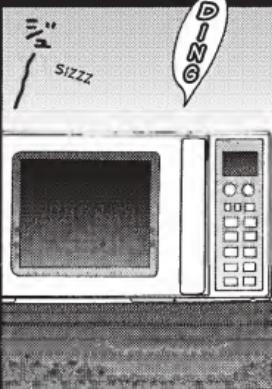


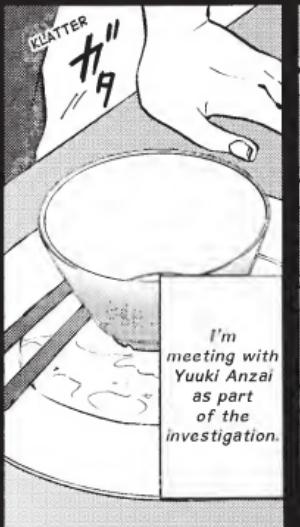
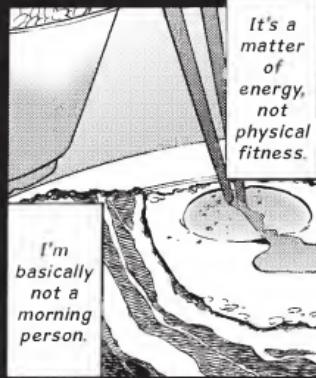
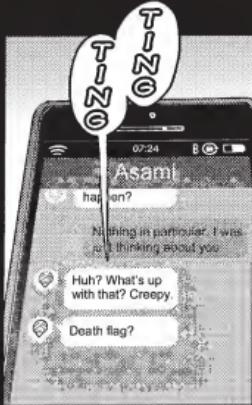
cloak

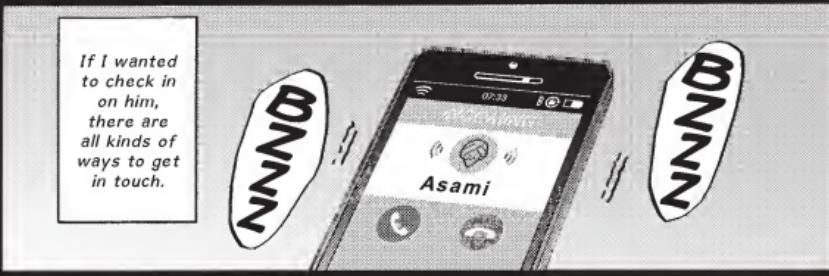
*I think  
I have a  
difficult  
disposition.*

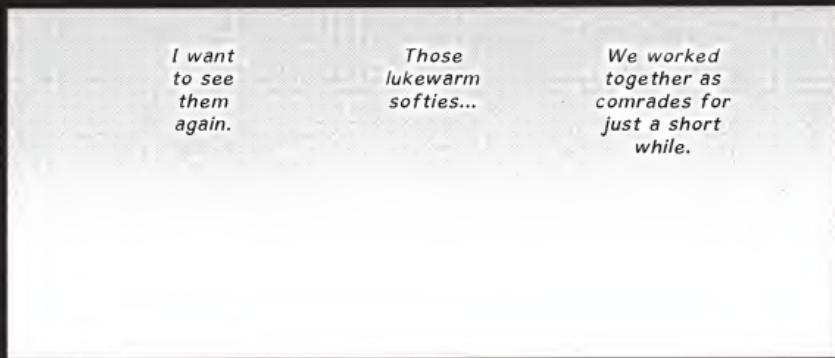
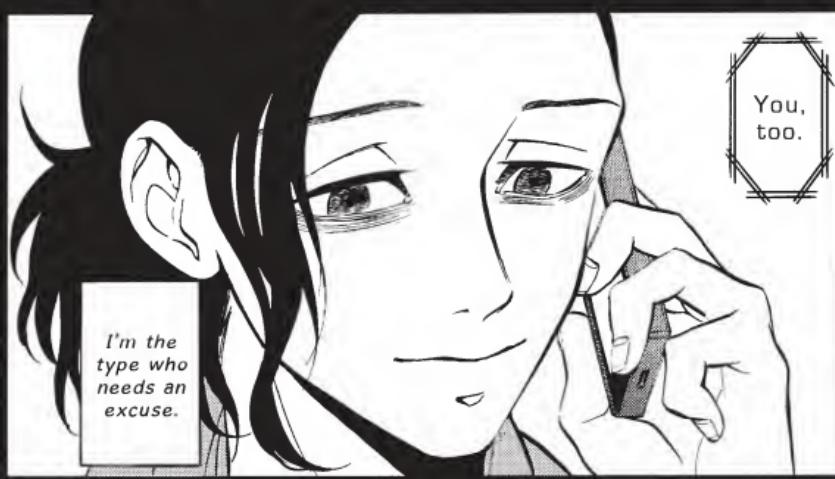














# THE PEOPLE OF ( ORPHANAGE ATTACHED TO THE OBIHIRO NATIONAL LABORATORY ) ONLO



YUUKI  
ANZAI



TADAYU  
HIRUTA



YŪKO  
YANO

- A bit timid
- Devil/Human hybrid
- Red ribbons on his shoulders
- Good at moulding. Makes great snow penguins
- Yuuki's friend
- A bit of a bully, but kind at heart, and on his way to being Yuuki's best friend
- Devil
- Parents apparently gone
- Yuuki's friend
- Kind of likes Yuuki
- Devil
- Lives at ONLO because of economic circumstances at home. Her parents are apparently in the country.



DOCTOR KUBO  
AND THE  
OTHERS

- The staff at ONLO
- Humans
- Like family to the children

# ONLO CHILDREN'S DIARIES

(BEFORE  
THE  
INCIDENT)

MAY Month 16 Day THURSDAY (Weather: SUNNY)

(Writer: TADAYA HIRUTA)

IT'S SUNNY OUT TODAY, BUT WE ARE ALL STUDYING TODAY.

BUT THE OBSERVATIONS AND TESTS FOR SCIENCE CLASS ARE FUN. IF IT'S SUNNY TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO TEACH YUUKI TO CLIMB TREES. YUUKI STILL CAN'T CLIMB THE TREE IN THE GARDEN OF BUILDING NUMBER 2.

THAT IS THE PERFECT TREE TO BE A FIRST STEP TO MASTERING CLIMBING TREES.

May Month 16 Day Thursday (Weather: 晴)

(Writer: Yuuki Anzai)

Today, we observed ants in the front yard. Then we got 20 of them to help, and put out all kinds of sugar, and did a test to see where they gathered. They liked regular white sugar. They really liked the sugar we put in the places that were damp from the rain yesterday. Maybe they were thirsty.

Tadaya is going to teach me to climb trees tomorrow.

I'm a little scared, but he says the view from up there is great so I think I can try just a little. I'm going to climb the tree in the inner courtyard. I hope it's nice out.



# AJIN

DEMI-HUMAN

GAMON SAKURAI

SAY YOU GET HIT BY A TRUCK AND DIE.  
YOU COME BACK TO LIFE. GOOD OR BAD?

FOR HIGH SCHOOLER KEI—AND FOR AT LEAST FORTY-SIX OTHERS—  
IMMORTALITY COMES AS THE NASTIEST SURPRISE EVER.

SADLY FOR KEI, BUT REFRESHINGLY FOR THE READER, SUCH A FEAT  
DOESN'T MAKE HIM A SUPERHERO. IN THE EYES OF BOTH THE GENERAL  
PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTS, HE'S A RARE SPECIMEN WHO NEEDS TO BE  
HUNTED DOWN AND HANDED OVER TO SCIENTISTS TO BE EXPERIMENTED  
ON FOR LIFE—A DEMI-HUMAN WHO MUST DIE A THOUSAND DEATHS  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF HUMANITY.

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IN A FUTURE VERSION OF EARTH, THERE IS A CITY GROWN SO CHAOTICALLY MASSIVE THAT ITS INHABITANTS NO LONGER RECALL WHAT "LAND" IS. WITHIN THIS MEGASTRUCTURE THE SILENT, STOIC KYRII IS ON A MISSION TO FIND THE NET TERMINAL GENE—A GENETIC MUTATION THAT ONCE ALLOWED HUMANS TO ACCESS THE CYBERNETIC NETSPHERE. ARMED WITH A POWERFUL GRAVITON BEAM Emitter, KYRII FENDS OFF WAVES OF ATTACKS FROM FELLOW HUMANS, CYBORGS AND SILICON-BASED LIFEFORMS. ALONG THE WAY, HE ENCOUNTERS A HIGHLY-SKILLED SCIENTIST WHOSE BODY HAS DETERIORATED FROM A LENGTHY IMPRISONMENT WHO PROMISES TO HELP KYRII FIND THE NET TERMINAL GENE, ONCE SHE SETTLES A SCORE FOR HERSELF...

"WHETHER IT BE THE GREAT PACING AND LAYOUTS TO THE FRENETIC ACTION THAT OCCUPIES THE PANELS IN THESE SCENES, EVERY ONE OF THEM ALWAYS PACKS A PUNCH. THESE ARE ALL EMPHASIZED BY SOME GREAT DESIGNS ACROSS THE BOARD."

—THE TURNAROUND BLOG

"NIHEI'S MOODY MASTERPIECE FINALLY RELEASED IN ITS FULL DREADFUL SPLENDOR."

—UK ANIME NETWORK

# BLAME!



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NEXT VOLUME:



# Anzai drives a stake into Kikuhara's heart.

Anzai, having recovered his memory of the time they met, says something unexpected to Kikuhara...

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